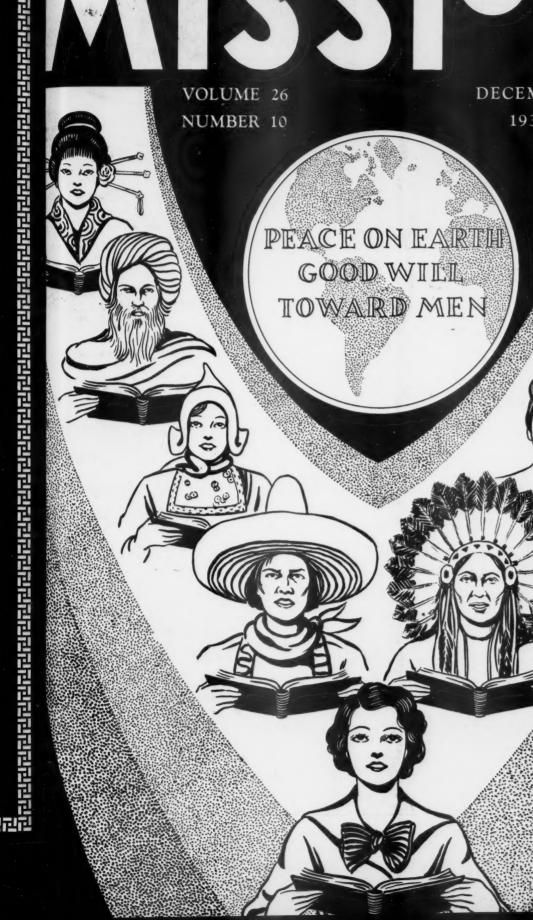
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People are still saying that Missions grows more interesting each month. The following partial list of features scheduled for publication should help maintain that reputation.

WHAT I SAW AND HEARD IN SOVIET RUSSIA

In September an American whose work keeps him in Europe, made an extended tour of Russia, all the way from Leningrad to the Black Sea. He reports what he saw and heard.

By Anonymous

THE PIRATES GAVE HIM THEIR IDOLS

A Baptist missionary took his big gospel tent to the island headquarters of Chinese pirates. He describes what happened while he was the guest of the Chinese magistrate.

By BRUNO H. LUEBECK

WORLD THREATS TO RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Before starting on a tour around the world with Dr. George W. Truett, the secretary of the Baptist World Alliance from the vantage point of his unique position discusses the rising menace to religious liberty. By J. H. RUSHBROOKE

THROUGH CUBAN JUNGLES AND MUDHOLES

How Cuban pastors traveled to attend a conference and how Cristo College is training men and women for Christian leadership to meet the problems of the new Cuba.

By COE HAYNE

WAS RUDYARD KIPLING RIGHT?

In a charmingly written article by one of India's outstanding Christian women, the famous lines about the East and the West never meeting are shown to have been wrong.

By ALICE R. VERRASWAMY

CHRISTIANITY THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND

The story of three prominent Philadelphia physicians who conducted free clinics at the Italian Baptist Christian Center where one of them treated 1,029 patients in one year.

By ETHEL DOWNSBROUGH

For 30 consecutive months MISSIONS has had an uninterrupted upward subscription trend. See announcement on this page.

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brooke will participate in the centenary celebrations in South India, Bengal-Orissa and Assam, and then make a visit to Burma. They will return by way of China and Japan which will be visited in March and April.

They are scheduled to land at San Francisco on the homeward journey on May 14th, just in time to proceed to St. Louis for the joint sessions of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions, a fitting climax to their missionary pilgrimage.

Dr. Truett's church in Dallas, Texas, has generously granted him leave of absence in order that he might bring the impact of his personality and the inspiration of his evangelistic messages to the people on these distant mission fields.

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Bon Voyage to Dr. and Mrs. George W. Truett

A host of friends all over the world will join in extending travel greetings and best wishes to President George W. Truett of the Baptist World Alliance and Mrs. Truett as they start on their journey around the world. Sailing from New York on November 20th, they will call at London where Secretary J. H. Rushbrooke will join them, and then proceed to India with a brief visit to Palestine en route.

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From the Editor's Mail Bag

Whereas in the September 1935 issue of Missions there appears a favorable review of the book Speaking of Religion by Bruce Curry, which, while not endorsing all the views expressed in said book, was decidedly commendatory;

And whereas the whole trend of the teaching of the book is subversive of, and contrary to, what we as Baptists believe and destructive of true Christian faith;

Be it, therefore, resolved that we, the members of the Cascadia Baptist Bible Conference Association, assembled at Cascadia, Oregon, go on record as deploring and resenting this virtual repudiation of our Baptist position as to the Lordship of Christ and the authority and truth of Scripture by one of our recognized Baptist publications; and that we urge upon the editor of Missions that in the future such reviews be made in accordance with our Baptist faith.—J. R. Turnbull, Chairman, J. E. Conant, Mrs. G. R. Edwards.

Note.—Missions' book review policy was explained on page 324 in June issue.—Ed.

I was very glad to notice that Missions had joined with numerous other religious journals in publishing an appeal for funds on behalf of *The Churchman*. I have read this oldest religious periodical for many years, as well as Missions. A severe loss would be sustained by the Christian church at large if *The Churchman* should be forced to discontinue because of the damage suit won by the movie industry.—*Elmer T. Schick*, Bloomfield, N. J.

Concerning the editorial, "The End of Competition in Home Missions," in October issue, the worldly Christian and the daily press will say it is right. It sounds like business and efficiency. Now the church will go ahead. But is that a fact? Has the community church in general been a success? In a nice small town about 25 miles from here,

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a Presbyterian and a Baptist church cooperated and built a fine brick edifice. The baptistery was used on the opening day and that was all. That could be duplicated in hundreds of other towns. Cooperation is all right for pedo-Baptist churches but not for Baptist. If the plan outlined is carried out, it will mean the end of our smaller Baptist churches.—Richard Jackson,

Detroit, Mich.

Note: The October editorial was not an endorsement of the community or undenominational church but an interpretation of the new strategy of Home Mission Boards which will henceforth seek to establish churches in unchurched areas rather than perpetuate competition in towns already adequately supplied with evangelical churches.—Ed.

Your article on the war between Italy and Ethiopia is a classic. Missions is rendering a service the value of which will be felt around the world. Your November issue is one of the best. —Rev. C. A. Clausen, Gasport, N. Y.

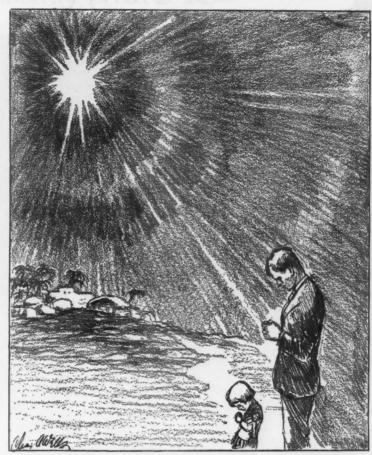
Your article in the November issue on Italy and the war in Ethiopia is a masterpiece. It is by far the best thing on the subject that I have seen.—Attorney Joseph E. Sagebeer, Philadelphia, Pa.

The November issue is a magnificent thing—enough to make any "Hard-Shell Baptist" send a subscription to the denominational world task. I thank you personally for a great number.—
Rev. Charles Durden, Omaha, Neb.

I read the September issue of Missions "from cover to cover," and feel I ought to thank you for a notable achievement. Mechanically, and as a report of the Colorado Springs Convention, and in its other features it is high class.—Emory W. Hunt (en route to Burma, see page 591).

I am glad to send you a few extra subscriptions this year. There are only

Great Gifts are Intangible A CARTOON BY CHARLES A. WELLS



CHRISTMAS giving is based on a divine pattern. The widening influence of its spirit across the earth each year is proof of its divinity.

One may present small gifts at Christmas and yet give divinely. On the other hand, much yuletide gift-bearing is selfish to the point of sordidness.

This is because people have forgotten the first Christmas and its gifts.

God gave humanity a Star which has lighted the world ever since. God gave the world an undying Prince who has led mankind continuously into new glorious kingdoms of peace, brotherhood, sympathy and understanding.

How trivial the gifts of the rich as compared with these gifts of God. A tiara of gold and diamonds looks cheap alongside a gift of love that transcends all race and creed. Great gifts are always intangible.

That is why Christmas has always been great. It brought us God's love. And we can make this Christmas great by giving Him our own.—Charles A. Wells.

16 families in our little church and so sions when we send 9 subscriptions. you can see how highly we regard Mis
—Mrs. J. L. Day, Clinton Falls, Minn.



We Wish All of You A Merry Christmas





Christmas at Wyola, Montana. Earle Sims stands in the center. The whole town was there. On page 609 appears a report of this happy Christmas occasion



The Bethel Neighborhood Christian Center in Kansas City has a jolly Junior Choir who join with you in singing familiar Christmas carols

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Christmas Realism or Sentimentalism?



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AST December a New York department store filled a long table with Christmas cards. At one end stood a sign, Religious Christmas Cards. Only 25% of the cards, by picture or message, con-

veyed the religious significance of Christmas. The remaining 75% printed merely a seasonal greeting or pictured a winter scene or conveyed something else unrelated to Christmas.

Of course the thousands of card purchasers last year joined in singing, "Holy Night, Silent Night." This year they will again sentimentally respond to the human appeal of the Child of Mary. But the Christmas realism that prompts

Where cross the crowded ways of life, Where sound the cries of race and clan, Above the noise of selfish strife, We hear thy voice, O Son of man.

and that heroically accepts Christ's challenge to our world of war and woe and sin, is lacking.

Back of the familiar stories of the manger stands an earlier story that is seldom emphasized. To Joseph came the announcement, "It is he that shall save his people from their sins." When has a Christmas sermon been preached on that text? It is no longer fashionable to speak of sin. Modern psychology would call it merely social maladjustment. Thus a short but strong word historically, a brief but black word descriptively, is passing out of our vocabulary. How easily we delude ourselves. We cannot get rid of a thing merely by changing its name.

Although the world has made real moral progress since that first Christmas, humanity is still overwhelmed in its sins and needs a Saviour. We live in a social order holding pagan standards, cherishing selfish ideals, practicing immoral methods, harboring sinful motives. All of us know too well our own legion of individual sins. Social, national, international sins are everywhere. Whoever reads a newspaper is aware of the hideous sin of race prejudice, the brutal sin of exploitation, the gory sin of war that once again has demanded its slaughterful sacrifice in the name of pagan patriotism.

Recently *The Magazine of Wall Street*, to which men turn for financial rather than spiritual advice, published an editorial which said:

The great peril of our time is not the threat of Bolshevism, Naziism, nor Fascism. It is the danger of another world war.

Yet nothing fundamental is being done to remove the possibility of such a cataclysm. The merest chance is all that stands between the world and its dissolution by war. Pacificism and militarism are equally powerless in the face of this potential annihilation.

The greatest task of all times awaits the greatest man of all times—the winning of perpetual peace.

Thus speaks a world that apparently knows not that the Greatest Man of all times came as the Child of Bethlehem. He grew up and called Himself the Son of Man. The purpose of His coming is today precisely what it was then. And until men and women in their individual lives and in all their larger social and international relationships, wherever they dwell, experience His sin-cleansing touch, the Bethlehem chorus of peace on earth and good-will toward men remains a pacifistic dream. Peace and selfishness are always incompatible; good-will and sin are forever irreconcilable.

He shall save His people from their sins. That is Christmas realism.

All else is Christmas sentimentalism.



The World Today



Current Events of Missionary Interest

Photograph of Canadian Quintuplets Saves Lives of Nigerian Twins

EVERYBODY has heard of the famous Canadian quintuplets. Now well in their second year of life and all of them walking, their fame has spread into remote Africa, where it has apparently had a distinct missionary influence.

According to news reports in the Canadian press, Rev. H. W. Garbutt, Canadian Episcopal missionary in Nigeria, received a photograph of the quintuplets and their physician, Dr. A. R. Dafoe. He posted the picture on the door of the church and lectured to the Nigerians on the difference between Christian and pagan practices in the care of infants. The picture and the story so impressed the natives that, according to the news report, it had a marked influence in stopping the Nigerian custom of killing one of twins whenever twins are born.

The report concludes by stating that results were so good that Mr. Garbutt has asked for 50 more quintuplet pictures.

(Note.—Do not send any pictures to Missions. Some readers generously offered to send razor blades in response to the razor blade story in the April issue of 1984.—Ed.)

An Alarming Increase in Juvenile Delinquency

FURTHER confirmation of the chart picturing criminal youth (see Missions, June, 1935, page 328) was reported at the recent New York conference on juvenile delinquency. More than 600 social work executives and others interested in correcting juvenile delinquency were told of a startling increase in the number of boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 21 committed to reformatories and prisons in New York State. According to Dr. John Slawson, who had made a comparison of the five-year period 1924-1928 with the five-year period 1928-1933, the latter records an increase of 35%, which is far in excess of the increase in the population of this group. The rate of increase is only 6% among adults committed to prison during the same period. Here is convincing evidence of the need of religious education and character-building agencies among youth. And this expanding need comes at precisely the time when thousands of churches of all denominations have found it necessary to reduce budgets for Sunday schools and religious education staffs.

These facts are further confirmed by Dr. A. O. Squire, for 25 years physician at New York State's well-known Sing Sing prison. As reported in *The Methodist Protestant Recorder*, the average age of Sing Sing inmates today is 23 whereas at the beginning of the present century it was 40. During his entire 25 years of service Dr. Squire had never "found a convict who had been a Boy Scout."

Japanese Roman Catholics Return to Shintoism

I T IS not often that Roman Catholic converts from some other religion revert to their original faith. When such a re-conversion takes place it becomes news of first importance. This seems to be occurring on the Japanese island known as Amamioshima. The facts are taken from The Christian Graphic published in Tokyo:

According to press reports the Japanese Home Office is considering the conversion to Shintoism of several thousand Roman Catholics on the island of Amami-oshima near Kyushu. The local army division is enthusiastic, according to the report, in its support of the scheme to convert the Christians. The project is the result of much anti-Christian agitation on the island. It is said that the residents of Kure Island near Sasebo, who had been Catholics for 300 years, have recently been completely converted. The Journal de Shanghai, organ of French interests in the Far East, charges that a certain influential group in the Japanese army is trying to drive Catholicism out of Japan.

What lies back of this movement is not revealed. Perhaps it is only a local development on a little known island in the Japanese Empire. On the other hand, it may possibly indicate the beginning of a widespread effort, under the pressure of nationalistic sentiment, to revive Shintoism everywhere throughout Japan and to check the spread of Christianity.

Wedding Bells and Steadfastness in Ethiopia

AMID all the war excitement in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, romance nevertheless continues to flower and culminate. In October two young missionaries were married. They had to

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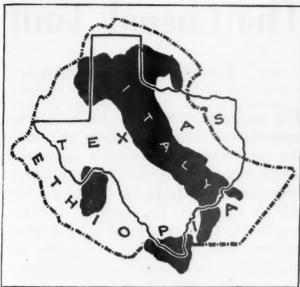
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Ethiopia compared in area with Italy and Texas. There are 350,000 square miles in Ethiopia, 120,000 in Italy and 260,000 in Texas

spend their honeymoon in a camp outside the city because there was no other place to which they could go. The ceremony was performed by one of the senior missionaries and King Haile Selassie gave the young couple his blessing.

This little incident, almost overlooked in the congestion of war news from Ethiopia, evidences again

the stability of the missionary enterprise in a time of upheaval and strain, and the heroic determination of missionaries to continue their ministry regardless of temporary obstacles. Thus far only a dozen American mothers and children, out of a total of almost 100 missionaries, have followed the advice of the State Department at Washington and have left Ethiopia for safer territory. The others have decided to remain because they consider that to desert Ethiopia now in her greatest need would be unworthy of their calling as missionaries.

Typical of the sentiment that prompts their decision are the following quotations:

The missionary call brought me here and does not give me liberty to leave.—Rev. Fred L. Russell, United Presbyterian Mission.

The call to service brought me to these needy people. The need is greatest now and so the call is strongest. I shall remain, come what may.—G. C. Bergman, M.D., Adventist Hospital.

I am the only doctor at my hospital. How can I violate the Great Master's command to go and heal the sick?—J. A. Cremer, M.D., United Presbyterian Hospital.

Northern Baptist mission work in Africa is confined to Belgian Congo. (See pages 586-590 in this issue.) There are no Baptist missionaries in Ethiopia.

Remarkable Remarks

HEARD OR REPORTED HERE AND THERE

You priests and monks, pray for the Almighty's help that our war may soon be victorious.—General Emilio de Bono, Commander-in-Chief of Italian forces in Ethiopia.



How shall the non-Christian nations accept the gospel of love from Christian nations who specialize in hate, or the gospel of peace from those whose main reliance is still their power to make war?—Edwin McNeill Poteat.



THERE WILL BE NO WAR, at least for several years, because the world powers are making prevention of war their first thought. *Benito Mussolini*. (Quoted in *The New York Times*, July 21, 1934.)



WE TALK ABOUT INTERNATIONAL PEACE and we neglect the message of peace to the individual heart.

—John R. Stevenson.

POLITICS AND ECONOMICS never made any civilization great, but only the attitude of men toward one another and their attitude toward God.—Monseignor Fulton J. Sheen.



THE REAL RIVAL OF CHRISTIANITY in 1935 is not the faith of the Orient but the religion of the nationalistic state. It is the modern parallel of the emperor worship of the early Christian centuries.—C. W. Gilkey.



PROSPERITY CANNOT BE FOUND in isolation but only in cooperation. The advantage of each country can be found only in the well-being of all.—King George V of England.



EVEN A LITTLE CHRISTIANITY personally possessed is worth an infinite amount of Christianity externally copied.—Harry Emerson Fosdick.

The Casual Touris

By P. H. J. LERRIGO M.I

The entire continent of Africa is tense with interest and expectation in view of the recurrence of European aggression which the civilized world imagined had been outlawed. In two articles, of which this is the first, Dr. Lerrigo describes conditions in a section of Africa where constructive forces work for peace and understanding between white and black



The importance of Belgium in the concert of European nations is out of all proportion to the smallness of the territory it occupies. Among other reasons for this is that it stands in the front rank as a colonial power. Although Belgium has but one colony, it has struck a high note from a moral standpoint in formulating its colonial policy. Belgian Congo is 80 times as large as the mother country. It is no wonder that Belgians feel intense interest and inordinate pride in the

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On this and the opposite page, two fine types of Congo womanhood. Note the unusual coiffures. At the right, the Kitona Falls, almost as high as Niagara



BELGIAN CONGO is one of those interesting sections of the world off the beaten path of the globe-trotter. The casual tourist too often passes it by. But it is well-known to the commercial traveler, the industrial engineer and the government representative. The Christian missionary knows the country

best of all, for he is on terms of intimate friendship with its people and hears their talk about the jungle campfires and on the forest trails.

Africa has concerned America but little in recent years although tragic ties bound us to it in the past. Today tragedy again stalks in Africa. With anxious wonder we inquire whether the new tragedy in Africa may eventually touch our remote lives.

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M. At intervals of seven years Dr. Lerrigo has made three visits to Africa. He recently returned from his third visit and here reports his impressions



The map of Africa at the left was published last month by courtesy of The New York Times to enable you to locate Ethiopia. It is published again to enable you now to locate Belgian Congo

great section of Central Africa which they have taken under their diminutive wing.

The past 15 years have witnessed extraordinary changes in Belgian Congo. Following the rigors of the world war, Belgium turned with a sigh of relief and renewed satisfaction to the task of continuing the development which was begun in 1908 when this great area became a colony of Belgium.

For 25 years the Congo hinterland was served by a little narrow gauge railway paralleling the lower section of the Congo River, which is broken by rapids to such a degree as to render river navigation impossible. This little railroad was constructed under extraordinary difficulties. It is a truly remarkable example of engineering. For two decades or more it served as a satisfactory means of entrance and exit from the rich interior of the land. But the country, as might have been ex-



pected, outgrew the railroad. With the passage of the years and the development of commerce, its narrow gauge rails became an aggravation, a menace and an obstacle. The road formed a bottle neck dam to the increasing flow of traffic converging at Kinshasa from the many tributary streams which drain the interior of the colony. Borne upon the numerous tributaries of the Congo, each a great river in itself, the volume of freight increased year by year. Arriving at Kinshasa, the head of river navigation, it had to be unloaded and confided to the care of the diminutive railroad. No wonder that the increasing traffic led to the piling up of goods on every station platform, to the congestion of warehouses and storage sheds, to the rationing of transportation privileges, and to the establishment of priorities in shipment which proved nothing less than an exasperation to shippers and receivers whose goods were not in the preferred classes.

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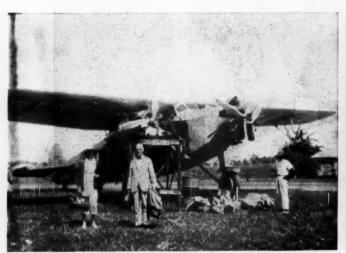
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All this is now changed. The railroad has been completely rebuilt. Its course has been straightened. Many steep grades have been eliminated. It has been widened to standard gauge. New equipment of engines, passenger coaches and freight cars has been provided. The stations all along the line, even at small villages where traffic is slight, are well-built of bricks and cement. They are surrounded by well-kept gardens in which the new scarlet Bougainvillea is an especially attractive feature.

Of course the world depression, which it is interesting to hear the Congo natives refer to as la crise, has for the present quite done away with

and strong measures were taken. All important streets have been paved with stone, and good roads make even the native villages completely accessible to motor cars.

There are now six of these villages located upon the hillsides about the city. Many neat residences have been built for the workmen employed by the railroad, the state and the commercial companies. They are made of mud, brick or stone. Not all are equally well-built, but in general the improvement in native housing is striking. Some of the dwellings are composed of crudely made bricks loosely plastered together. Other groups of houses are built upon stone pillars and neatly





Four types of transportation used by Dr. Lerrigo on his visit to Belgian Congo in addition to the railroad

traffic jams; but even when the economic tide turns, as many in Congo feel is beginning to take place, and the currents of commerce again begin to run freely, it seems clear that the accommodations of the recreated system will be sufficient to furnish uninterrupted ingress and egress to the rapidly developing interior for decades to come.

Not only the railroad, but Congo's cities have been renovated. In seven years Matadi, the port of entry, has been completely transformed. Formerly a dirty and slovenly collection of ancient buildings and tumble-down shacks, it has now become a well-built, well-paved and well-lighted city. The native village on the hillsides beyond the business sections was made of stray odds and ends of wood, tin oil cans, corrugated iron and palm leaf thatch. It was sprawling, filthy and unsanitary. Some years ago an epidemic of yellow fever thoroughly frightened the city government

covered with a coating of cement. There are small verandas and stone or cement steps. Most have at least the rudiment of a garden, in which hibiscus, poinsettias, and foliage plants arrest the eye. Cleanliness is strictly enforced. Public sanitary water closets are provided. Oversight is rigid. Neglected garbage is a misdemeanor and an empty can behind the house a crime. A state doctor with several white assistants and many native helpers exercises constant vigilance. The death rate among native workers has been greatly reduced. Mosquitoes are now rare and malaria has lost its terror. The supervision extends to the white quarters and strict building laws are enforced.

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The new railway station at Matadi compares favorably with the best recent station construction of other lands. It is a cement building, the waiting rooms tastefully decorated with maroon t

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and white tiling. A great new "Metropole" hotel is a five story building of concrete. It has a broad staircase and two small elevators for the use of whites. Opposite the station a memorial to Stanley in heroic bas-relief stands on land given by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

At the other extremity of the railroad line Leopoldville is also a new city. A fever of building activity from 1925 to 1930 provided it not only with admirable public buildings, including hospital, post office and state offices, but also with hundreds of small but tastefully built bungalows in many different styles. At present a brooding silence hovers over the city even in the hours

an era of development and progress which will fill all these houses and shops and call for the building of many more. It is just as well to be ready.

Business in Congo has certainly been dormant for some years past. A quite complete deflation pricked the 1929 balloon, but if the question were asked today of the commercial man: "Are you awake?" he would be justified in replying: "Not fully awake, perhaps, but turning over in my sleep and beginning to yawn."

Along the valleys of the Kwilu and Kasai rivers, areas which formerly were the center of the palm oil industry, the forest paths and roads





On the opposite page the airplane and the Ford truck. On this page the river ferry and the African sedan chair

generally devoted to business. The white population has greatly diminished. Many private residences and business houses are closed. There has been a general exodus of those whose business suddenly evaporated or whose jobs vanished as the severity of *la crise* deepened.

One curious circumstance is to be noted, however, namely, that there is no evidence of decay or neglect. The empty houses and places of business are kept in good condition and the little gardens are trim and flourishing. It is as though the city were jauntily asking the visitor not to let this temporary condition of depopulation cause distress. It looks to a future which is secure. It has a great treasury of riches stored in the plains and forests beyond. Perhaps it has outpaced present need by a building program in prosperous times; but soon a new period of business activity will come and it will be ready for are again thronged with busy men and women

bearing upon their heads great baskets of palm kernels and nuts for the oil presses. A flourishing plantation of several thousands of hectares in lower Congo is just coming into bearing, contrary to the confident prediction that the soil in this area would prove unsuitable for the oil-palm. The Congo north bank begins to show production of fibre and cotton. Coffee crops are increasing. An extensive sisal plantation near Lufu already yields thousands of bales of the fine filaments carefully drawn from the sword leaf plants which stretch in orderly array for mile upon mile.

Congo traders and business men in these days are chastened souls. The long-continued depression has driven many of their former associates out of business. Those who remain express a becoming caution in prophesying of the future. Yet there seems to be common agreement that from some source today the native is beginning again to gather francs and that he is able to make modest purchases. The question was asked: "Who uses the curious collection of worn-out automobiles which serves the city of Matadi as taxis?" The reply was illuminating: "Natives who have succeeded in getting together a few hundred francs use them for joy-riding."

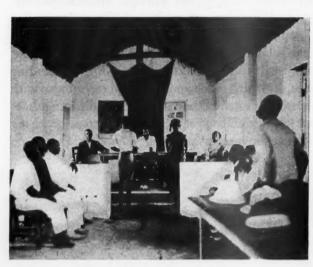
Whatever may be said of business, it seems indisputable that the government of Belgian Congo did not permit the paralyzing efforts of the de-



A Congo chief {right} who came to have conference with Dr. Lerrigo {second from right}. With him came an escort and one of his many children

pression completely to interrupt its program. On May 13, 1935, Governor General Ruyckmans in an address delivered at Leopoldville in connection with the opening of the Exposition in Brussels summed up the situation as follows:

Our royal leaders press forward in Africa under the flag of the ideal. This ideal we have not turned our back upon. The work of civilization goes forward without retreat, without slackening of rhythm. Look at the school statistics. Since 1927 the number of students in official schools has more than doubled. There were then 1600 subsidized schools; today there are more than 4000. There were 90,000 students; there are now more than 200,000. Consider the work of medical assistance and hygiene. In spite of budgetary restrictions, more than 2,000,000 sick natives were cared for in 1934 by the medical centers of the State, the Foundation of Queen Elizabeth, the Fomulac, the Red Cross of Congo, the commercial companies and the missions, both national and foreign. In particular more than 3,000,000 natives have been examined for sleeping sickness.



A Congo tribunal or law court typical of many that the Belgium Government has established throughout the Colony

Governor Ruyckmans closes his review of conditions in the colony with a note of determined optimism:

Certainly plenty of problems remain for solution, and the golden age will not arrive tomorrow. The conversion of the debt, the organization of transportation, the return of the European population will not be accomplished by hasty improvisations. But all of us here feel that the worst is past. Since the devaluation of the Belga (Belgium's currency unit), the economic curve gradually begins to rise. The European population increased in 1934.

Statistics of commerce are more favorable than those of 1933. For some weeks past this movement has been accelerated. We have surmounted the crisis of the devaluation. Hope is again at home in our hearts. One does not work now with set teeth, but with a song on the lips.

It is against this background that the work of evangelizing the twelve million people in Belgian Congo goes forward. That will be reviewed in the next issue.

Note.—The second part of Dr. Lerrigo's survey of Belgian Congo today will be published in the January issue.—Ed.

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FACTS AND FOLKS

Secretary Charles H. Sears of the New York and Brooklyn City Mission Society delivered a course of eight lectures, November 5 to 15, at the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N. Y., on the topic, "The City Man." These lectures which constituted a psychological-religious presentation of current urban problems, will form the basis for a new book. Dr. Sears' latest book, The Crowded Ways, published in 1929 by the Missionary Education Movement, was the best seller in the field of mission study books for that year. About 50,000 copies were sold. Other books by Dr. Sears include The Redemption of the City, A Life of Edward Judson, and Church City Planning.

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The preacher for the Church of the Air on the Columbia Broadcasting System for Sunday, December 22, is Rev. George A. Clarke, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Brooklyn and preacher of the Convention sermon at Colorado Springs. This service is broadcast at ten o'clock Eastern Standard Time.

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Dr. Emory W. Hunt, former President of Bucknell University, sailed from San Francisco, October 29, on a trip around the world. For the third time he will spend Christmas in Burma with his daughter, Helen K. Hunt, Dean of Women at Judson College.

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President B. D. Weeks of Bacone College reports the greatest opening of the school that he has witnessed. "Every corner is filled and I turned away more than I could accept," he writes. "And

News brevities reported from all over the world

the spirit is wonderful. Every one seems supremely happy and I think we are beginning what is going to prove our greatest year."

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Five Indian girls who graduated from Bacone Junior College two years ago entered four-year colleges. Two came to Ottawa, one to Redlands, one to Keuka and the fifth to the Friends College in Wilmington, Ohio. All five were graduated last June. The U. S. Government Indian Commissioner appointed each of them to a position in the Indian Service.

The Spanish-American Baptist Theological Seminary in Los Angeles, which held its formal annual opening in October, enters its 16th year with prospects exceedingly bright. Enrolment exceeds 20 with new students of higher grade than before. The Seminary's

An Announcement

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In an effort to carry out the desire of the Northern Baptist Convention, the Board of Education has established a Department of Public Relations and has appointed Rev. Walter Quarrington and Miss Freada E. Koeker to direct it. Miss Koeker will have her office in New York, and Mr. Quarrington will have his in Portland, Maine. They will be available for discussing the interests of Christian Education whenever it may be desired.—Frank W. Padelford, Secretary.

which students have come. They represent New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Nicaragua and various states in the United States. At the opening President J. F. Detweiler presided. Prof. A. B. Howell delivered the address. Special music was furnished by members of the student body and by the choir of the First Mexican Baptist Church. The congregation of Spanish-speaking people filled the chapel to overflowing, and rejoiced greatly over the flourishing condition of this outstanding Home Mission institution.

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Rev. John R. George, whose story of the church in Jackson Hole appeared in September Missions (see page 406 that issue), visited the little church on a Sunday following the Colorado Springs Convention. In the waters of the Gros Ventre River, clear as crystal, the sky Wyoming blue and the Teton Mountains towering above, he baptized seven candidates, and in the evening held a Communion Service. "Don't you think our little church will come back to life now?" asked one of the new members. "It already has," was Mr. George's reply.

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Fifteen years ago, as pastor of the church in Suifu, West China, Dr. D. C. Graham started evangelistic work among a tribe numbering well over 50,000 who were called Chuan Maios. "Later on," he writes, "Baptist retrenchment compelled us to turn the work over to the Methodists. There are now fully 1,000 Christians in that area." Young people from this tribe will soon attend the West China Union University.

There Are Indians In New York

An informing account of a visit to the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation located in the Western part of New York State

By JAY S. STOWELL

Few Americans are aware that all the Indians do not live in the Far West





SHINGLES

Indians shingling their own church at the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation

CARPENTERS

They did the job of shingling their own Baptist church roof. It was well done

BASKETS

Learning Indian basketry in the Daily Vacation Bible School at the Reservation



Popular notion places all American Indians in the West—usually the "wild and woolly" West. Such a conception, however, does not conform to the facts, for eastern states also have their quota of Indians. A recent visit to the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation, about 30 miles from Buffalo, N. Y., was so full of interest that it seems worth while to share it with the readers of Missions.

The Reservation itself is approximately twelve miles long and five miles wide. It has a population of 1500 Seneca and Cayuga Indians. Possibly half of the land is under cultivation.



The most conspicuous institution is the Thomas Indian School. It is state-supported and has an enrolment of more than 250 orphan and needy children from the six Indian reservations in New York State. The school has high standards



Rev. David Owl, Indian pastor, takes his three children on a fishing trip. The large picture was taken at the Iroquois Temperance League Centennial in 1932. Six Indian Reservations are represented in the crowd

and is well supervised. While it is essentially a boarding school, it also makes a real contribution to the local educational work on the Reservation. There are four day schools in various sections of the Reservation. There were more, but within the last three years three other schools have been closed and the children are daily transported to the Thomas Indian School as day pupils. The school thus renders a wholesome influence throughout the Reservation.

Up until recent years the roads on the Reservation have been poor dirt roads. In times of dry weather they were dusty and in wet weather they were rough and muddy. Hard-surfaced roads have now been built along the main highways. The improvement in roads makes it possible for many Indians to secure work off the Reservation and to drive to it daily. These improved highways have also made transportation possible for high school students to and from the town of Gowanda. By means of a bus service, 40 Indian boys and girls are daily taking advantage of the opportunities of high school training. They are acquitting themselves cred-



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the and and s in rds itably. Daily associations in the Gowanda high school aid the Indian youth in making adjustments to present-day conditions of life. A number of recent Indian graduates from the Reservation are attending various colleges, such as Dartmouth, Western Reserve, Cornell, Keuka, Buffalo State Teachers College, University of Michigan, Bacone College, and Willamette University. Others will soon be ready for this advanced training.

The Indian thinks much of his home and lays emphasis upon the importance of home life. Within recent years 24 new homes have been built by the Indians on the Cattaraugus Reservation, and 18 others have either been remodeled or repainted. About 100 homes on the Reservation have natural gas supplied from nearby gas wells, while 28 homes have the convenience of electric lights. The Indians own approximately 150 automobiles.

Liquor is a serious problem. Some Indians who now fall a prey to intoxicating drink would soon attain to self-respect and self-supporting Christian citizenship if that evil could be removed. A recent Indian Youth Conference expressed its concern over these social evils, which threaten the security of Indian homes and the welfare of Indian children, and urged increased cooperation on the part of individuals and agencies concerned to the end that the Reservation might be a safe and healthy place.

To meet the needs of this interesting and challenging situation, the Baptist, Presbyterian, and Methodist Episcopal Churches have united in a program and under a leadership of which all concerned may well be proud. The pastor, the Rev. W. David Owl, is an Indian and a Baptist. The Director of Religious Education, Miss Helen L. Royce, is a Methodist. These two educated and several trained Christian workers travel over the Reservation, preaching, conducting Sunday schools, and directing young people's work, quite regardless of whether the buildings which they use and the organizations which they serve are Presbyterian, Baptist, or Methodist.

Their program includes home visitation, daily vacation Bible schools, young people's conferences, week-day religious training, social activities, welfare work, and other related enterprises. There are ladies' aid societies, other

women's organizations, an Indian Red Cross Society, a home bureau, three Girl Scout patrols, and other similar agencies.

One helpful feature is the fine relationship between the Indians and their white neighbors in the adjacent communities. It should also be noted that these white neighbors are to be commended for their helpful attitude toward the work on the Reservation. At Christmas a group of young people from the First United Presbyterian Church of Buffalo came to the Reservation and presented a beautiful Christmas pageant in the United Mission Community Hall. Following the pageant the Indian young people's organization served supper to the players. Several groups of Indian Sunday school workers attended the Cattaraugus County Sunday School Convention and the Daily Vacation Church School Workers' Institute. Two Indian Sunday school workers took Standard Courses in the Gowanda leadership training school. Four young women attended the School of Christian Education at Silver Lake. About 30 Indian youths attended a young people's rally in the Gowanda Presbyterian Church. Several young people attended banquets held by the Buffalo Baptist Association at Holland, and by the Buffalo District Epworth League at Boston. At an Indian Youth Conference, attended by young people from several reservations, the young people of the Cattaraugus Reservation acted as hosts to the entire group. Delegations of young people from white churches in Kenmore, Buffalo, Orchard Park, Westfield, Silver Creek, East Otto, and Cattaraugus, have attended the United Missions Church to present programs. Eleven visits have been made by groups of Indian young people from the Reservation to white churches. On each of these occasions the young Indians have conducted the service or made some definite contribution toward it. A group of Negro singers from Buffalo gave a concert in one of the churches on the Reservation. Two quartettes have been developed among the young people and they render exceptionally fine music on various occasions.

A typical Sunday schedule for Miss Royce and Mr. Owl runs somewhat as follows: At ten o'clock there is a Sunday school in the Presbyterian Chapel at Pine Woods. At 11:30 there is

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Sunday school in the Baptist church, at which both Miss Royce and Mr. Owl teach. At 12:30 comes the worship service conducted by Mr. Owl in the English language. At 3:30 comes the Christ Church Sunday school, and at 6:30 a devotional service under the direction of the Indian young people's society. At 7:30 there is an evening worship program in the United Mission Church, conducted by Mr. Owl. At the same time, there is a service in the Indian language in the Baptist Church and also an evening worship service in the Four Corners Methodist Episcopal Church, conducted by Miss Royce. The service of song, prayer, and testimony in the Seneca language held in the

Baptist Church is especially attractive to the older people. From time to time baptisms take place, and special evangelistic services are held. Prayer meeting is always an important part of the devotional life of the churches.

Thus Sunday on the Cattaraugus Reservation is a busy day. Anyone who gets a glimpse of the multitudinous activities which are carried on there and becomes a little acquainted with the fine Indian people of the Reservation will be forced to the conclusion that the Christian church is gripping the life of the leading Indians on this Reservation. Under competent and consecrated leadership, it is carrying on a program of which we may well be proud.



Student Band at Ottawa University. Congress robbed this institution of 18,000 acres of land

When Congress Robbed A Baptist College Few Bay Congress

By FRANK W. PADELFORD

Few Baptists are aware that the Congress of the United States, at the instigation of selfish politicians, robbed Ottawa University of 18,000 acres of land

ABOUT 100 years ago the United States Government wanted some valuable land in Michigan for its white citizens. So the Ottawa Indians who owned the land were removed from Michigan to Kansas and were given great tracts which the Government assumed the American people would never want. But as the number of white Americans increased they became envious of the land which had been given to the red men. So 30 years later, in 1867, the Ottawa Indians

were again removed. This time they were placed on the barren wastes of Oklahoma, almost the poorest land to be found in the entire United States.

While in Michigan these Ottawa Indians had heard the gospel from the preaching of Baptist missionaries. When they came to Kansas they brought their new religion with them and entered into fellowship with the white Baptists whom they found there. In 1859 these white and Indian



Student Choir at Ottawa University. The institution was formerly named Roger Williams University, as Dr. Padelford reports in the first paragraph on this page

Baptists decided that they must have a school for the children of both races. So they secured a charter for a school which they called Roger Williams University. The Indians gave 20,000 acres of valuable land, and the whites promised to furnish the buildings and the teachers. It was six years before the school could be opened. Two years later the Government compelled the Indians to make their long trek to Oklahoma. Arrangements were made for the white Baptists of Kansas to carry on the joint enterprise. It was then decided to name the college after the Indians rather than after Roger Williams, hence the name Ottawa University.

The story of any important enterprise is almost always the story of one or more strong men. This is true of Ottawa University. Although the names of other important leaders are recorded, three names stand out in its history: John Tauy Jones, Robert Atkinson and Silas Eber Price.

The first was a Pottawatamie Indian who joined the Ottawas as an interpreter. He married Jane Kelley, a white missionary, and threw in his lot with the Baptists. It was he who induced the Indians to join in this college project and to make

the grant of 20,000 acres. His name has always been revered at Ottawa.

The second man was a missionary, Robert Atkinson, who was also a farmer, a politician, a railroad director, a business man, and an effective leader. At least three times he saved the college from disaster. When he arrived in Ottawa soon after the college had opened, he found that the whites had no money with which to erect the first building and thus complete their agreement with the Indians. At once he returned East and began to raise funds. He was a personal friend of Jay Gould and other railroad men. In 1868 he returned to Ottawa with \$44,000 in cash to complete the first building, which was named Tauy Jones Hall, in honor of the Indian interpreter.

In 1872 some selfish politicians, anxious to control this valuable land, induced Congress to pass an act that deprived the college of the property which the Indians had given. Atkinson hurried to Washington. After strenuous efforts and many disappointments he secured the help of President U. S. Grant. Eventually he saved 2,000 of the 20,000 acres. Had not Congress robbed the college of this land as it had already

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ss ly robbed the Indians of other great tracts, Ottawa University would today be one of the best endowed colleges of the West.

On January 9, 1875, six years after it was finished, Tauy Jones Hall was destroyed by fire and the hopes of the college went up in smoke. Again Atkinson came to the rescue and raised the money with which to erect a new Jones Hall. Thus did this forceful, energetic missionary prove time and again to be the saviour of the college.

The third important figure was Dr. Silas Eber Price, President of Ottawa from 1906 to 1924. When he came the college had three buildings, an endowment of \$150,000, and 125 students in the college and 90 in the academy. His 18 years were marked by quiet, painstaking, persistent efforts to strengthen the institution and put it on a permanent basis. Before broken health compelled his retirement in 1924, he had enlarged his faculty, had added four permanent buildings to the equipment, had increased the endowment to \$559,000, and had seen the attendance of college students pass the 400 mark. It was a great period in Ottawa history. The Ottawa University

of today is an enduring monument to these three leaders and other devoted friends who have given their lives for its development.

Ottawa is now one of our two Baptist colleges of senior grade between the Missouri River and the Pacific Coast. This year in connection with the sessions of the Kansas State Convention the college is celebrating its 70th anniversary. This may seem a short period in comparison with 300 years at Harvard, but it is a long portion of the years that mark the history of our country west of the Mississippi. It is not age but service which determines the worth of a college.

The college now has seven excellent, well-equipped, permanent buildings, on an extensive campus on the edge of the city of Ottawa. It greatly needs dormitories for the better housing of its students. It is thoroughly worthy of confidence and support. Like all other institutions of every kind, it has felt the long depression which has dealt heavy blows to this great agricultural section. Under the leadership of Acting President W. P. Behan, an heroic faculty has caried on in a spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice.

An Announcement Regarding the Third Prize Contest

WHAT I WOULD LIKE IN MISSIONS

No prizes are at present being awarded in the Third Prize Contest on the topic, "What I Would Like to See in Missions." Prizes in the First Contest have been awarded (see Missions, October 1935, page 470), also in the Second Contest (see Missions, November 1935, page 553), because so large a number of essays were received as to have enabled the judges properly to allocate the awards.

In the Third Contest, however, the number of essays submitted was considerably smaller. Perhaps this is due to the fact that readers are so well satisfied with Missions that few could offer suggestions as to other features they would like to have included.

In any event, in order to permit the awarding of prizes, the Third Contest is extended until December 16, so that other readers may have an opportunity of submitting essays.

Prize-winning awards will be announced in the February issue.

All essays already submitted for the Third Contest will still be eligible and will be considered on their merits along with others sent in during December.

All essays must be mailed not later than December 16, 1935.

NEWS

FROM WORLD OF MISSIONS

A monthly digest from letters and reports of field correspondents



The Belgian Congo Mission Conference in Leopoldville. Dr. Lerrigo sits in front. His hat is at Mrs. Lerrigo's feet

Everybody Was Happy

Missionaries in Belgian Congo hold their annual conference, enjoy the fellowship of Dr. and Mrs. P. H. J. Lerrigo, and adopt a five-year program

THE Belgian Congo mission held its annual conference in Leopoldville, capital of Belgium's great colony in Africa.

It was the happiest conference within the memory of at least the younger missionaries. (Note.—The picture clearly suggests this.—Ed.) Babies kept a few busy mothers at home, but all the rest were there—39 of us. All stations were adequately represented. Every report and every opinion could be expressed with expectation of a complete hearing. We all

By ULRIC A. LANOUE

have seen enough hard work on under-staffed stations and have suffered cuts in appropriations sufficiently to make us all completely and mutually sympathetic.

Most significant was the inspiring presence of Dr. and Mrs. P. H. J. Lerrigo. As the picture shows, they are as radiant and happy in Congo as elsewhere. Their presence was a great asset. Dr. Lerrigo's sound judgment and amazing tact steered the conference through some sessions that

might otherwise have been less felicitous in results. We have all congratulated one another on our good fortune in having him and Mrs. Lerrigo come at this time.

It certainly seemed less difficult than usual for everyone to take a long unselfish view of the field as a single enterprise. This long view resulted in a concrete program outlining the distribution of emphasis and of funds for the next five years. Leadership of the Christian work is to be transferred to the hands of natives as rapidly as they become competent. Dr. Lerrigo urged that principle upon the conference over and over again. Dr. John R. Mott had said the same thing last year. (See Missions, November, 1934, page 527.)

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Well, we are trying. The Sona Bata station is making a serious bid for native cooperation in medical work. The new Medical School for training nurses and dispensers is approved and is already set on its feet. Leadership in the church is gradually shifting to the care of native pastors—and native laymen. The conference approved a plan for a native council of chosen leaders to cooperate closely with white missionaries.

Obviously pastors must be trained and educated, which is not quite the same thing. Although Congo Christians are spared many intellectual difficulties that thrive in the Orient, problems of ethics and Christian conduct are peculiarly acute. Moreover, the government, by a generous policy of professional education, is training to a surprisingly high degree a considerable number of men in the leading trades and professions. Our church pastors, in their own field, should be as thoroughly educated as they; else those educated, influential laymen will, all too often, be lost to the church.

So we have frankly faced the situation and have started our "five-year plan."

California Mexican Baptists in Annual Convention

The Mexican Baptist Convention of California met in the First Mexican Baptist Church of San Diego, August 27th-30th. We had a fine convention with good attendance, brotherly spirit and evangelistic enthusiasm. Led by Pastor Benjamin Urquidi, the delegates went out on the streets and held street meetings. Each evening meeting was made evangelistic. About 20 people made profession of faith during the convention. The delegates also went from house to house with their ribbon badges to invite Mexicans to the Convention.

The Mexican Baptist churches in California report 172 baptisms during the year, 60 received by letter and 28 by experience, making a total of 260. There were 1,658 church members reported and an average attendance of 1,696 in the Sunday schools. The B.Y.P.U. had 660 members and the women's societies 187. The churches raised \$10,744 for all purposes the past year.

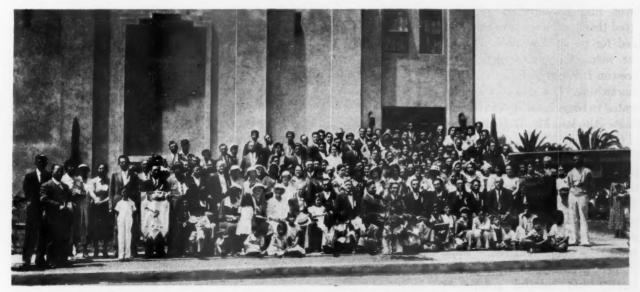
Rev. Benjamin Urquidi was elected President. The Conven-

tion will meet next year in Santa Barbara. A large number of the delegates visited the San Diego Exposition. American Baptists helped entertain the delegates with lodging and breakfast.—Edwin R. Brown.

Open House at the Polish Church in Philadelphia

Baptists of Philadelphia and vicinity enjoyed the Open House of the First Polish Baptist Church and the Bethel Christian Center. After dinner and before the evening program, the guests visited different rooms where the handwork of the children, young people and mothers was on display. Many posters pictured the activities.

A fine song service opened the evening program. About half of the children in the kindergarten added color to the meeting as they entered dressed in red and white silk costumes. They played two marches, sang several songs and repeated about a dozen Bible verses. The older children and young people presented the pageant, "The Glory of the Cross," showing some of the activities of the church and center. Here was pictured an old Christian Polish



California Mexican Baptists in annual convention in San Diego, reported on this page by E. R. "Mexican" Brown



Welcome to the Polish Baptist Church Open House Philadelphia

mother trying to lead her married daughter to see that the Christian life was better than the life she was leading.

The pageant was attended by 500 people. It was interesting, inspiring and successful.

Preston Institute Dedicated in India

A dream has come true. Preston Institute, with its great white dome and its classical Corinthian columns. stands as a memorial to the loving. sacrificial service of Gertrude Preston Rutherford, whose life it commemorates. The Indian people loved and trusted her and she loved them and lived for them and died for them. And now, at last, her memorial is complete. The Preston Institute is built, finished, functioning. The money was presented to the mission by Gertrude's father, the late Mr. L. C. Preston, of California.

On July 12, a large crowd of people had gathered out in front of the Institute for the opening and dedicating of the building. There were Mohammedans, Hindus, Parsees and Christians, missionaries, Indian school children, Bible women, preachers and teachers, a motley and colorful group. At 10:00 A.M. Rev. Charles Ruther-

ford mounted the veranda. After a short speech he called upon the angels of truth and light to come and cut the chains of sin and ignorance and superstition that hung across the doors of the Institute. Two little Indian girls dressed as angels responded to his call. Immediately the three great doors of the Institute flew open and Christians and non-Christians poured through them together.

As we passed through the doors and entered the building we found ourselves facing three splendid colored glass windows depicting Christ as a shepherd, as a carpenter and as a teacher. The services for the dedication of the building were held in the Memorial Chapel, donated in memory of William Payne of Brooklyn, N. Y., by his wife. They included the unveiling of portraits of Gertrude Preston Rutherford and her father and the memorial tablet to Mr. Payne.

Mr. Rutherford, in his opening address, emphasized the object of the Institute. He has worked patiently for years, "with the great aim of having a technical training school to meet the needs of the people, a place turning out men and women who would be moral, intelligent and useful, who would appreciate the dignity and beauty of labor; who would be skilled in productive industry of some sort so as to support themselves and have a margin over to help others; who, disabused of the idea that the world owes them a living, would remember that they owed the world a life."

India needs just such institutions as this, and we who labor here rejoice in the fact that at last we have the Preston Institute.— Charles R. Manley, Hanamakonda.

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I have never been a regular subscriber to Missions until this past year. I have greatly enjoyed every issue.—Mrs. Norton Wagner, Monrovia, Cal.



The new Preston Institute in South India dedicated last summer

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Christmas

A Christmas Praper

O GOD, who hast so loved the world as to give Thine only Son for its redemption, grant us joyful hearts as we approach Christmas.

By the gates of birth Thou hast entered into the mystery of our humanity. By an infant's weakness and the obedience of a son, Thou hast laid hold upon our mortal life. Thou hast shared its pains and sorrows, its labor and repose. Thou hast known the rest of friendship and the bitterness of misunderstanding. By the fellowship of a mother's love in Bethlehem and a father's care in Egypt, the boyhood of Jesus in the fields of Nazareth and the handling of the workman's tools, Thou hast made Thyself our Brother.

As we bring gifts to others whom Thou hast given to us for love and care, we offer Thee our heart's thanksgiving and the service of our lives. Our richest gifts are Thine. Help us to minister in loving kindness to our brothers everywhere. Let Thy peace reign in our hearts and be multiplied upon the earth and Thy will be accomplished in all the affairs of men. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.—From Closet and Altar.

Christmas Thoughts

By the manner in which Jesus entered into the world He dignified the estate of childhood. He hallowed the cradles of the world. He made babyhood beautiful and divine. He glorified motherhood throughout the world. He has put a crown of honor on every mother's brow. He has also glorified poverty. He might have come in all the pomp and pageantry of earthly kings; He chose to come in lowly poverty. His cradle also teaches us wherein consists true greatness. When He lay in the manger, mighty Caesar was on his throne. Where now are Caesar and his throne? But the empire of Jesus endures. It is the empire of undying love and it will never perish. His name shall endure longer than the sun. His empire of love will triumph over all empire of power.—Robert Stuart MacArthur in Advent and Other Sermons.



Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and to ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas!—Henry van Dyke

Christmas Scripture

And thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins.—Matthew 1:21.

There is born to you this day a Saviour who is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2:11.



The Church at Christmas Time

Late Christmas night came storm and bitter cold. Throughout the day and through the second night Winds howled, trees groaned, and snow drifted high—And then the blessed sun, the fairy trees, The Church, majestic, strong, Its conquering cross outlined against God's blue.

Religion like our Church stands through the storms, Beaten and cleansed in the dark nights of life— Its strength within: There at the quiet altar Lights, and living trees, and wreath of pine, And tropic Christmas flowers in the warmth Of Love and Joy and Peace. 0

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So stands the Church of Christ, and so stand they Whose hearts are fixed on Him, the Light of Life.

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Have We the One Essential for Going Forward?

THE success of the Forward Fund launched at Colorado Springs depends on one thing only. The upward trend in missionary giving which set in last year (see Missions, September, 1935, page 408) has given it a favorable start; but that will not be enough. Financial recovery in the nation, signs of which are multiplying, is supplying a helpful psychology; but that will prove insufficient. There is already plenty of fine publicity to give the Fund momentum; but this will not avail. There will be an abundance of speakers, inspirational meetings, promotional conferences; but these altogether will accomplish little if the one thing needful is lacking. And that neither National Baptist Headquarters, State Offices, printed matter, oratory nor financial recovery can supply. It is something within ourselves, something intangible but unmistakably evident when it is there. Do we honestly believe in the world mission of Christianity for today? Have we an indwelling and an impelling faith in the saving efficacy of Christ for each individual human soul and for all the national, economic, racial, international relationships in which each individual is inextricably involved with every

other individual? Are we moved by an overpowering conviction that the world needs Christ and His gospel as never before? Have we ourselves found in Him such eternal values that we want others to have them also? If such convictions grip and motivate us, the Forward Fund will succeed. If not, in spite of all the favorable factors that prompted its launching, it will fail. Our financial resources are ample to reach the modest goal projected. Whether we have the requisite inner convictions, the success or failure of the Forward Fund will determine.

If You Were Stricken with an Incurable Disease

If you were suddenly stricken with an incurable disease, how would you accept your fate? Would you become angry, sullen, resentful? Would you curse God and with bitterness of soul prepare to die? Or would you rise above your affliction and with Christian serenity of spirit live whatever years were still allotted?

A remarkable case of a lovely Burmese girl is reported by Mrs. D. C. Smith of Burma. Bear in mind that there is no background of a long family Christian heritage supporting this young woman's courage. It is only her own radiant faith in Christ which she had found through the coming of a missionary. Here is the story:

While in Moulmein we went around to the Leper Asylum. Here we met one of our former Judson College girl students. Her history wrung our hearts.

After leaving college she had gone to teach in a mission school. There she contracted leprosy. It happened to be the curable type and after treatment at the hospital she was cured. Then she went to another appointment and while there contracted another type of leprosy. Because it was not treated promptly she soon became incurable.

At first she was bitter and rebellious over her fate. She declined to see anyone and refused to go to the Leper Asylum. Gradually, however, her Christian faith reasserted itself and the grace of God worked a change. In a beautiful spirit she went to the Asylum to do there what she could for others similarly afflicted. Now she has both types of leprosy, one exceedingly painful. Yet she never complains. She has established a school and a Sunday school for the many leper children. She has a lovely garden in which she and the children work. In many other ways she helps her fellow-sufferers.

She is living one of the most deeply Christian lives that I have been privileged to know about. The whole tone of the place has changed since she went there.

One might expect a very aged person to show serene resignation when health is gone forever; but for a young woman on the threshold of a useful career to contract a loathsome disease and in a beautiful spirit accept its social ostracism and yet live a serviceful Christian life, presents a high challenge to noble living.

How greatly the world needs men and women of whom it can be said that, whether sick or well, the "whole tone of the place has changed" because of their presence.

Eternal Vigilance Is Still the Price of Liberty

THAT the principle of religious liberty, which Roger Williams proclaimed and established in Rhode Island 300 years ago, is a live issue today was strongly emphasized at the Roger Williams Tercentenary celebration in Washington. See pages 614–616 in this issue.

It is clear that eternal vigilance is still the price of religious liberty as well as of other forms of freedom. This is evidenced by the news from Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke concerning his visit to Roumania in October. He found religious conditions extremely unsatisfactory for Roumanian Baptists. One-tenth of their churches had been closed by local police authorities. Pastors had been interrupted in their work. All protests and petitions had been ignored by the Department of Cults. In the government-supported schools there is no "conscience" clause and Baptist children had been placed at grave disadvantage. The energetic, one might truly say vigilantic, intervention of the Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, introduced by the British Ambassador in Bucharest to Roumania's Prime Minister Tatarescu, gained assurances of immediate remedy of grievances. Further, Dr. Rushbrooke was informed that the Cabinet would recommend to Parliament a law giving Baptists in all Roumania the status of a recognized cult (religious denomination). The fulfillment of the promises thus officially given would ensure freedom for Baptist children in public schools, forbid police to close Baptist churches and would end the strain which

has lasted since the World War. Employees of the State are also to be guaranteed religious freedom. For the first time the Roumanian government now pledges full recognition to the Baptist confession. This should mean the end of the exercise of arbitrary power by local administrators.

Baptists in Roumania and elsewhere may well be gratified over this outcome. The Baptist World Alliance records another achievement in securing for Baptists one of humanity's inalienable rights.

Must He Be the Last to Feel Prosperity's Return?

BUSINESS facts late in October indicated an unmistakable trend toward financial recovery. The great steel industry was operating at 52% capacity, the highest in five years. In New Jersey the Ford Motor Company and the Aluminum Company of America added 4,000 workmen to their forces and were planning to add 2,000 more in November. Average prices on the New York Stock Exchange registered new high figures. The common stock of the General Motors Corporation sold above \$55 a share, the first time since the collapse of 1929. Average hourly wage for the entire motor industry in October was 74 cents as compared with 69 cents a year ago. Secretary of Commerce D. C. Roper predicted that the total income of the people of the United States would be 10% higher in 1935 than in 1934. To be sure, millions of Americans are still unemployed, on relief, anxiously, perhaps hopelessly, awaiting a new chance to earn their bread. But the total picture looks promising.

Nevertheless, in all this moving panorama of returning prosperity, with increased employment, higher wages, enlarged spending power, one element in the population seems to have been left out. Has the Christian minister been entirely overlooked? Where is the church that has considered an increase in its pastor's salary, or of restoring the cut he voluntarily took years ago, or even of paying up part of his accumulated unpaid salary? Must he be the last to experience the return of better times?

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Throughout the long and weary depression years, no man has carried heavier burdens. In utter unselfishness and with high devotion to his people, the minister has gone about his task uncomplainingly and with heroic courage. During

this economic crisis in the history of America, the loyalty of the ministry has been one of the remarkable features of our church life.

Perhaps by now you have anticipated the point of this editorial. One of the finest things a church could do in this month of December is to make its pastor a Christmas gift of an increase in salary.

Editorial . Comment

The forthcoming quadrennial convention of the Student Volunteer Movement at Indianapolis, December 28, 1935-January 1, 1936, promises to be the most significant in the 50 years' history of the Movement. It is announced as the Golden Anniversary Convention. Two of the Movement's original founders, Dr. John R. Mott and Dr. Robert E. Speer, are on the program. During these 50 years more than 13,000 student volunteers have sailed for foreign service in 110 mission fields. Others on the program include Japan's great apostle Kagawa; T. Z. Koo, often called "the Chinese missionary to the Christians of the Occident;" England's Archbishop of York; Dr. G. B. Camargo of Mexico; Mrs. Induk Pak of Korea; and numerous others from the ends of the earth. Missions will early a report in the February issue. There will be wide endorsement of the six declared objectives of this convention, and particularly of the last, "To discover how each one may find his place in the world mission of Jesus Christ." This applies not only to the students who will assemble in Indianapolis but to all of us.

Once again The Christian Graphic, a publication sponsored by missionaries of various denominations in Japan, was suppressed by the Tokyo Police Department, presumably at the request of the Japanese Government. The reason given was the published translation of an article by Kirby Page entitled, "If War is Sin," which had originally appeared in The Christian Century. Since then it has been reprinted in pamphlet form and circulated by the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Apparently the Tokyo Police Department believes that war is not a sin and that the dissemination in Japan of any idea that war is a sin must therefore not be permitted. Courteously but firmly it was explained to the editors of The Christian Graphic that an article with such a content and under such a title must not be circulated within Japan. The same issue had also carried photographs of the New York Peace Parade and pictures of its pacifistic slogans and banners. This section was not protested by the police, possibly on the ground that

this was strictly peace news whereas the Kirby Page article was regarded as pacifistic propaganda. Is there a distinction here without a difference? Only one issue suppressed. *The Graphic* is still being published in the interests of building Christian world solidarity.

♦ On the occasion of the 24th anniversary celebration of the Chinese Republic in October (China became a Republic in 1911), the Government at Nanking announced the award of decorations to 25 foreigners for distinguished service to China. Among them were John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who was given the Order of Brilliant Jade "for meritorious services in connection with the advancement of medical science and medical education in China." In 1915 Mr. Rockefeller took over the Union Medical College located in Peiping, formerly Peking.

Developments in Ethiopia have given new prominence to the work of the American Mission to Lepers (see Missions, November, 1935, page 574) because of its Haile Selassie Leprosarium at Addis Ababa. The Emperor of Ethiopia laid its cornerstone in 1932. The American Mission held its annual meeting last month and reported 188 leper stations maintained in 46 countries.

THE GREAT DELUSION

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Now WE Know

THE truth is out. Now we know why so many American newspapers urged so strongly the repeal of the 18th amendment. They were anticipating the advertising revenue that repeal would bring.

They have not been disappointed!

Mr. Robert S. Mann, on the basis of a careful analysis as reported in *The Methodist Protestant Recorder*, states that during the first year of repeal the liquor interests paid \$10,000,000 into the treasuries of American newspapers for advertising. About two-thirds of this sum was used to urge the consumption of hard liquors.

In 85 cities the daily newspapers in 1934 carried a total of 20,147,370 lines of advertising. Papers in New York, Washington and Boston published the most advertising and thus profited most.

How many newspapers can honestly declare that their editorial policy on repeal was not influenced by their prospective advertising revenue?

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All Had A Merry Christmas

Crowds, choirs, carols, languages, plays, pageants, gifts, feasts, and worship services—all feature Christmas celebrations on Baptist mission fields from Burma to Oklahoma

A Joyful Christmas in a Chinese Hospital

By ETHEL L. HYLBERT

AT THE Margaret Williamson Hospital on Christmas Eve the medical students and the nurses gave a splendid Christmas program for everyone in the hospital. All the patients able to be up were there, all the servants and their children and many friends.

It is a tradition there that a real baby from the nursery must be used for the Baby Jesus in the Manger scene. So each year some little Chinese baby boy takes that part. Just at dawn the nurses went through the hospital grounds and into the other compounds singing Christmas carols. They are a pretty sight with their lighted candles. The medical students always treat the carollers to hot cocoa when they finish singing. On Christmas morning everyone gathered in the chapel at 9:30 for a short service and then in groups marched singing into the wards where a little picture was given to each patient and a little service was held telling the meaning of Christmas to many who have never heard it before.

At the North Shanghai Church the 266 children in the Day School and the church people had their exercises. Two little plays were especially good.

One was about a little girl whose mother tries to make her worship Buddha before the family altar and when she refuses the mother has the servant drive her out of the home. The child wanders about the streets crying and is finally lost. A little girl selling flowers, who is a member of a Christian Sunday school, finds her and takes her to this school. There she hears about Jesus and how He was God's great gift to us and how He loves all men. There the mother finds her and the child leads her into the circle. Together they find a new faith.

The other play had several of the nations of the world represented. They met together to tell each

other how their people had once worshipped other gods, but now they had learned about Christ and were Christians. It was interesting to us to see China leading this group and the representative from China step up with a Bible under his arm and line up with the other so-called Christian nations. At the close they formed a semi-circle, each holding a large gold star and sang together, thus binding themselves together as followers of His Star.

It is interesting to note this new theme among the young people and to realize that they are beginning to consider their nation, China, as one of God's family of nations. Only a portion of the 400 attending were members of the Church. So there was opportunity in these exercises to make an impression on those who have yet to become members of God's family.

The Christmas Feast Replaces Drunken Debauchery

By ELSIE B. CHANEY

IN THESE remote Chin Hills in Burma (see Missions, June, 1935, page 330), the social life of the village centers around the so-called "Zu" pot. This is the native-made alcoholic liquor, the drinking of which is the chief feature of all social community gatherings. These occasions cover two or three days of debauchery, when parents and young people give themselves up to a drunken condition, and the babies go unfed, uncared for and often fall into the fires.

So the Christmas feast without the "Zu" pot, but with joy and singing and healthy food and fellowship has become a telling witness among them. We had the pleasure of seeing some of this last Christmas.

Without any help or knowledge or even planning, the Christians of the church and community had a jolly day of it. A pig and a beef went into the curry

pots. Cooking and feasting was all outdoors on the spacious mission compound. In the afternoon, there were games for old and young and as soon as it was dark, there was a Christmas tree and a sacred concert in the chapel. Fully 300 men, women and children had enjoyed the day, and the Haka church had paid all the bills. The distribution of the presents was all perfectly organized and carried out in careful earnestness, although sometimes the "ushers" had a long search to find the particular girl to whom a card of three safety pins was to be presented, since names are often similar and confusing.

the church. The weather was fine most of the time and joy was in the hearts of all.

Our meetings started on Dec. 22nd and lasted through the 25th. Sunday was a beautiful day in every way. On Monday evening the children put on their program. All were pleased with their effort to tell the Christmas message. Christmas day was a happy one for all. It started with our own Christmas tree in the parsonage. Our three boys were pleased beyond words with the gifts you sent to us. At 11 A.M. we held a worship service in the church. After a Christmas message many pledges were made



Christmas dinner in the Chin Hills of Burma where the curry pot replaces the Zu pot

The Joy of Christmas Carols Still Rings in Our Hearts

By PERRY L. JACKSON

WE BEGAN our Christmas celebration here in Saddle Mountain, Oklahoma, last year with a series of evangelistic meetings which were very successful. Our whole church was revived. Practically all who came reconsecrated their lives.

Fully ten days before Christmas the Indians began coming. Two families moved into camp. Others came day by day until many were camping about

for next Christmas. At 1 P.M. all gathered in the dining hall for the Christmas dinner. The tables were beautifully and well filled with food. The afternoon was spent in placing the tree in the church, decorating and loading it with the gifts received, and in filling the bags with candy, raisins, pop-corn, oranges, apples.

At 6:45 in the evening a Kiowa hymn started our Christmas tree service. After a few songs and a brief sermon, an invitation was given. Many responded dedicating their hearts anew. The service of giving brought \$213.50 for this year's Christmas offering with \$267 pledged for next Christmas. At 9 P.M.

Santa Claus arrived and the children took on new life. There was much joy as for an hour he and his 10 helpers distributed gifts to all Indians present.

The generosity of Northern Baptists in thought, in prayers, in gifts and love made this Christmas most joyous and bountiful. We wish that all who read this might have been here to have seen the pleasure that your gifts brought and to have heard such comments as these:

"All the Indian babies will keep warm this winter!" (Exclaimed by one of the young women when she saw the many warm blankets and fluffy quilts.)

"There will be a doll for every little girl."

"Surely no one will be left out this year."

"I know somebody who is going to be especially happy this year."

To our own gratitude for having made it possible to bring Christmas joy to our people, we want to add their thanks as was expressed in their talks:

MRS. RUTH THOMPSON—"I have been thankful ever since I've come to Saddle Mountain Church. I am especially thankful that God has cared for me and my family and brought us to another Christmas."

JOHN AUNKO—"I am thankful for the gifts received this Christmas time. I received a beautiful Mackinaw from some unknown friend. While visiting some of our students at Fort Sill Indian School one of the teachers assumed that I was a Government Inspector because I had on that coat. We know you are loving Christian people by the gifts that you sent to us. All of these gifts came because you learned giving from Jesus. The best gift that God gave to us was His Son. The best gift we can give to Him is our lives. We are not very far advanced in the Christian life, but we are gradually learning how to live it."

MRS. AMY TONEMOH—"There is no one more thankful than I am for the many beautiful things. What astonishes me is that God has put it into your hearts to share with us Indians, whom you have never seen. What I received for my children has helped so that I can have a little extra money to give to the church as an offering. I like the ornamental things as well as the useful. It always puts new pep into me to have something new and different. It may not seem worth mentioning, but we young women like pretty things. I hope you are as blessed by God as we felt God was blessing us through your gifts."

Mrs. Ruth Chaddlesone—"I am speaking for the young mothers of our church. We received so many nice things for our babies and children. We thank you for these many lovely gifts."

SHERMAN CHADDLESONE—"We thank our white brothers and sisters for the many gifts sent. We greatly appreciate

them. We shared some of them with another Kiowa church. . . ."

CARL REID—"I say many, many thanks to our many friends. Your gifts brought much joy to our hearts. We will try to live closer and closer to God because you have sent us these gifts."

Thus ended our Christmas celebration. In all hearts had been born anew the Christ Spirit as had been so beautifully portrayed by our little beginners and primary children on Christmas Eve. And the joy of the Christmas Carols still rings in our hearts.

We closed Christmas week with our annual missionary Christmas dinner at which 25 of us had a rollicking good time.

Christmas Greetings in Nineteen Languages

By JOHN R. GEORGE

LAST Christmas the North Side Bank of Rock Springs, Wyoming, decided to express the good wishes of the bank to its many patrons and customers at Christmas time.

All the coal used by the great Union Pacific Railroad is mined here. People from the ends of the earth live and toil in the mines. So the population is very cosmopolitan.

One of the tellers of the bank was directed to make a window display.

No sooner had the display been placed in the window than an excited crowd gathered. When the doors were opened they pushed into the bank and sought out the president. There was keen dissatisfaction. "Why was it he had left out this language and that language? Did he not know that the bank had valuable customers speaking these other languages?"

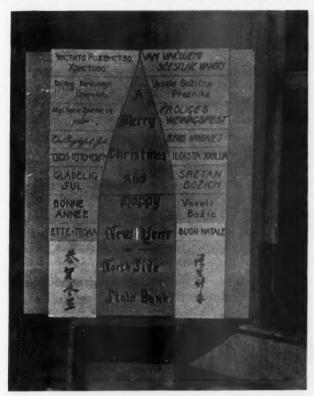
A check was made and it was discovered that the customers of the bank represented 40 languages, while the discomforted teller had included only 19 in his window greetings.

"Hereafter," said the president, "we will send out our greetings to every one in English, and trust to the children to translate them correctly to their parents."

The First Baptist Church strives to minister to this varied population. The pastor, Rev. John R.

George, has during the six years of his ministry, baptized converts from many races and nationalities; including Chinese, Japanese, Mexican, Spanish-American, Korean, Greek and many of the central European peoples.

The church has often been called, "The Little Church of All Nations." It strives to live up to its name.



Christmas greetings in nineteen languages in Rock Springs, Wyoming, as reported by Mr. George on the preceding page

The Whole Town Celebrated in an Unfinished Building

By EARLE D. SIMS

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ON THE Friday evening before Christmas 618 people in Wyola, Montana, gathered in the unfinished Baptist church building for their Christmas celebration. The audience included 200 children, of whom 135 took part in the program. There were about 100 Indians present. If anybody living in or around Wyola was not there, I do not know who he or she could be. I gave out nearly 400 Christmas

gifts. For several weeks before Christmas I had placed 10 little banks in 10 places in the town in which people could deposit money to buy gifts for every child under 21 years of age. More than \$92 was deposited in these banks by men, women, children, both Indians and white folks. After paying \$80 for the gifts, the balance was transferred to the Wyola church building fund.

There are only 27 members of the Wyola church and eight of those are non-residents. The church is the only church of any denomination in all this section of Southeastern Montana and Northeastern Wyoming. There is a little Indian Baptist Mission in the community. Also a Catholic church of a very small membership about one mile from the town. No other denomination is working in all this territory. The entire field needs the church.

Note.—Church Invigorator Sims finished his work with the Wyola church upon completion of the building last July and is now engaged in a similar ministry in Castleford, Idaho. See Missions, October, 1935, page 463.—Ed.

A Christmas Gift of Kindling Wood

By ADELE CHISM

ONE of our Christian Americanization chairmen in Chicago has no trouble in getting enough volunteers to go into Greek and Syrian homes to teach English, but she finds it impossible to get teachers who will go into the Mexican district. About fifteen families live in tumble-down houses near the river. The yards look neat, and in the summer are converted into flower beds. The homes inside are clean and orderly, but the houses are too old and leaky ever to be changed in appearance.

Every week the chairman calls in each of the Mexican homes. Often the people have told her that she is the only American who likes them. Just before Christmas they decided they would like to give her something to show their appreciation of her friendship, but they were all too poor to afford a gift. One of the Mexican men has a horse and wagon in which he hauls kindling wood to make his living. And that was their gift to the American friend—a load of kindling wood!

A Christmas Pageant by 40 Buddhist Children

By BERYL CUMMINGS

AHUSH always falls over all the children assembled in our Primary Worship Services when one of their own number responds to a call to pray. How true it is that the child heart everywhere is near to God.

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We felt this very keenly at Christmas when we coached nearly 40 children from Buddhist homes in the presentation of the beautiful Christmas pageant, "The Light of the World," found in the Publication Society's *Children's Leader* for December, 1934.

With the help of our school children we presented the beautiful Christmas story and a real Christmas message in pageant form. From the beginning it was explained that we wished to present the pageant as an act of worship. From the beginning, every child chosen for a particular part tried his or her very best to interpret the part assigned in a way which greatly surprised us.

All rehearsals took place in the chapel and we felt that every child was influenced by this fact. There was never any disorder. At every rehearsal we could feel the whole-hearted response of every child present. We take no credit to ourselves when we say that the pageant was reverent in spirit. The pageant was presented to an audience of Buddhists and we believe a real Christian message was received into more than one heart.—Moulmein, Burma.

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Christmas Scriptures in Eighteen Languages

By FRANCES M. PRIEST

ALL Baptist churches of the Detroit area were invited to the International Christmas Vesper Service under the auspices of the Christian Americanization committee. Nearly 1000 were present, and at least 18 different nationalities were represented. A choir of 100 voices rendered special Christmas music. The Scripture was read in 18 different languages; the text was printed in English in the programs and one verse was read in each language. Following the Christmas message and congregational singing of Christmas carols was a fellowship hour with refreshments. Each church had been asked to furnish sandwiches or cookies. There were enough sandwiches for all. A wonderful spirit of fellowship and happiness prevailed throughout.

The Movies Come to Nazareth

By ALFRED L. MURRAY

THE afternoon bus had brought me from Jerusalem to Nazareth. On the morrow I hoped to secure transportation to Babylon.

On a former visit to Nazareth I had made friends with an Arabian merchant by the name of Habib Rizk. He is a member of the Christian church and a faithful attendant.

When Habib saw me, he said, "My friend, you have come at the right time. We shall see for the first time an American movie tonight. American actors will talk. You will hear American voices and be happy."

"I shall go with you tonight," I said.

Since the program announced an American feature, I invited Habib and an Indian man,

whom I had met in Jerusalem, to be my guests. They were both impatient to see the picture.

Three modern small buildings had been combined to form the theatre. The partitions had been removed so that the small theatre occupied the ground floor of the three. Arabs who had not had a fair meal in weeks entered the building to see the first talkie ever given in Nazareth.

How I hoped the picture would be one of which I as an American need not feel ashamed. But soon I knew. The lights were turned out and the title appeared on the screen, "Murder, By Whose Hand?"

The actors of course spoke in English; a transcript of their words was flashed on the screen in Arabic. The natives might not understand the actors or read the Arabic, but they could not mis-

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take the story of the film. One by one men fell dead before the villain. The cries of dying men and women, the shots of revolvers, the roar of a train, and the shouts of police so gripped the Arabic audience that a strange silence came over them. When the screen was silent all was silent.

With sorrow of heart I realized that Nazareth would be different after that picture. Into this quiet little town of Palestine, American crime and wickedness had come. The beautiful women of that sacred place had been introduced to strange women on the screen who acted worse than men. Even the unmusicalness of our American jazz was in shattering contrast to the sweet plaintive notes of the Arab flute.

When I came from the theatre my Indian and Arabic companions were silent. Perhaps they were thinking of our missionaries who had come to their countries to convert them from their religion. I looked to my right. There were some women with their water pots at the "Spring of the Virgin." It is reasonable to conclude that Jesus and His parents frequented this spot. To my extreme right was the little synagogue in which Jesus is supposed to have preached and from which He was driven out by the citizens.

Finally my Arab acquaintance asked one question. It was this, "Do you have many American cinemas like that?" What could I say in reply?

However, this Nazareth experience with an American gangster film did not ruin the pleasure of a visit to other places made sacred by Jesus' association with them. I journeyed down to Bethlehem, only five miles from Jerusalem. The distance from Nazareth to Jerusalem is 87 miles. It must have been a long, trying ride for Mary on a donkey's back.

Bethlehem is one of the oldest cities of Palestine. It is the scene of many sacred incidents. Rachel died nigh unto the city. Boaz and Naomi lived within its walls. The shepherd boy David who became king resided here with his father. Jesus was born here. It was from this city that Joseph and Mary fled with Jesus into Egypt. The present population of 10,000 is unique in that all are Christians except 300 Mohammedans. Thousands of pilgrims travel miles to visit the Church of the Nativity, built over the grotto that is the traditional birthplace of Jesus.

Fortunately the American movies had not yet come to Bethlehem.



The Virgin's Fountain in Nazareth. The modern structure around the fountain conserves the water but the water comes from the same ancient spring

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Reviews of Current Books and **Book Publishers' Announcements**



What Is This Christianity? by EDWARD S. WOODS, is an exposition of the Christian faith in terms of today. Eleven years ago the author, then Canon Woods, came to America to deliver a series of four addresses on Christian Fundamentals to 5,000 college students at the Student Volunteer Convention in Indianapolis. (See Missions, February, 1924, page 84.) Today the author is Bishop Woods, of Croydon, England, a man of high scholarship, a trenchant thinker, and a stimulating preacher. He discusses Christianity as an historic event, an experience, a fellowship, an adventure, a society and a victory. Every phase of Christianity can be included in this logical six-fold arrangement. One can easily imagine the inspiration and uplift that would come from listening to six Sunday morning sermons that follow this suggestive classification. The mature bishop has lost none of the freshness of approach and the brilliant style of the young canon which so captivated the students at Indianapolis. (Harper and Brothers; \$2.00.)

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world on Christian thought; the Reformation and Christianity; and the un-Christian problems existing in a Christian world. The author tells why the church is in a state of division and inertia, and suggests a means whereby it may recover its prestige and power. He makes no attempt to dogmatize, nor has he any theological axe to grind. The book is masterly written. (Harper & Brothers; 194 pages; \$1.75.)

Our Korean Friends, by F. S. MILLER, is a captivating collection of 37 stories of Korean humor, romance and struggle. The author is thoroughly familiar with Korean people. Since 1892 he has been a Presbyterian missionary in Korea. With the spirit of a friend, he leads the reader into the intimate life of his people until one feels that he is with "Korean Friends." The book will fascinate other than missionenthusiasts. Its gripping stories, full of pathos and humor, make it interesting and informing reading for all story lovers. (Revell; 191 pages; \$2.00.)

The New Chain Reference Bible, published by THE KIRK-BRIDE BIBLE Co., is a Bible that includes between its covers not only the text, but a host of features like analyses of each of the 66 books, of each New Testament chapter, a complete index, a concordance, an outline history of the early church, special memory verses, an atlas with index for quickly locating places, Bible stories (56) for children to be read from the Bible itself, and 40 or more other features that will make this Bible of value for reading, reference, and study in every Christian home. It uses the King James text throughout, old and familiar yet refreshing and new in contrast to some of the recent versions. But the revised version is given in the wide margin opposite each verse wherever literary and historical research has revealed an important difference in meaning. There was a time when a Bible was regarded as an ideal and most suitable Christmas gift. The custom might well be resumed with the Kirkbride Bible. Beautifully bound, in flexible leather, it would make a most helpful, lasting, useful and usable gift. (See announcement on back cover.)

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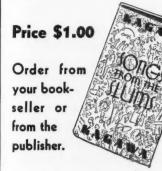


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ROGER WILLIAMS DAY AT WASHINGTON

The second of a series of local celebrations by American Baptists in commemorating the Roger Williams Tercentenary

By HOWARD B. GROSE

Note.—In this issue the monthly contribution by the Editor Emeritus, because of its special and timely interest, takes the form of a feature article.—Ed.

THE second of the local Williams Tercentenary ■ celebrations, sponsored by the American Baptist Historical Society, was held on October 18 at the National Baptist Memorial Church in Washington. In the afternoon there was the laying of a wreath of roses at the statue of Roger Williams in the Statuary Hall of the Capitol's Rotunda, where his noble figure stands among the great men who built the nation. A brief address was given by former Governor Norman S. Case of Rhode Island, a member of the First Baptist Church of Providence-state and church both identified with Williams' name. He praised Roger Williams, not only for safeguarding freedom of conscience and fair dealing in civil affairs, but as the prototype of the true statesman, whose espousal of a great principle cost him banishment but won him deathless distinction. Dr. Ivan Murray Rose of Philadelphia brought the greetings from the Northern Baptist Convention. The prayer was by Dr. William S. Bishop, a descendant of Williams, and the singing of "America" fittingly voiced the contribution of a distinguished Baptist.

The services at the church comprised a banquet with an address by Roger Williams Straus, and a public meeting in the auditorium, with addresses by Prof. R. E. E. Harkness of Crozer Seminary, President of the Historical Society, and Rev. Edwin McNeill Poteat of Raleigh, N. C. Pastor G. G. Johnson, to whose persistency and devotion the now completed church edifice bears witness, presided at the statue and the dinner.

With no intention of making a detailed report, I give some of the points that specially interested me. First was the unconventional and quite charming personal family allusion with which Mr. Straus prefaced his address on "Religious Liberty—Civilization's Barometer." It reveals so much of racial interlocking that I give his preface in full:

To some it might seem strange that a Baptist church should invite me, a Jew, to speak at a banquet celebrating the Tercentenary of Roger Williams. While I am tremendously honored by the invitation, nevertheless I feel perfectly at home with you because in addition to your

hospitality I remember so clearly my father's description of how he received his first formal religious instruction. His father was learned in Biblical history and the Talmud, and himself taught his son, but when my father got to be about ten my grandfather felt that his son should receive more formal instruction. The only Sunday school in the little town of Talbotton, Georgia, was a Baptist one. So my father went, and he was fond of telling how he used to walk there Sundays with his shoes tied together and hung around his neck, and then at the school steps together with the other little boys put these precious shoes on so as to be dressed up in their best clothes to study religion in a Baptist Sunday school. It was from this combined religious instruction that he received the inspiration to write two books, "Origin of Republican Form of Government" and the "Life of Roger Williams." The former traces our form of government to the Hebrew commonwealth as interpreted by the Puritans of New England, and the latter tells of Roger Williams' life and time, and especially the establishment of the principle of religious liberty in Rhode Island.

This incident was told in such modest and unaffected manner, and with such evident enjoyment by the speaker of his home feeling in the Baptist gathering, that it placed him en rapport with his hearers at once. Learned and scholarly as was his age-long and world-wide historical review, proving that periods of prosperity and high civilization have always and everywhere coincided with religious liberty while periods of religious persecution and bigotry have coincided with civilization's decline, I feel that the most telling part of his address was the passage quoted above. What a picture of the possibilities of America! Behind his words as he spoke, imagination was busy tracing the family links, picturing the devoutly religious Jewish family settling in the little Georgia hamlet, where there was no synagogue and the only place the children could be taught the Bible was in the Sunday school of the little Baptist church. There the boy Oscar imbibed the principles of democracy and liberty which years later, when he had become a prosperous and philanthropic citizen, inspired him to write the Life of Roger Williams, and led him, when he was United States Ambassador to Turkey in a critical period, to use his official power in behalf of the Armenians suffering persecution by a Mohammedan Sultan. All this was traced back to the little Georgia Baptist Sunday school. And here was the son of Oscar Straus, named after Roger Williams in proof of the father's esteem, speaking in

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the same cause. The son, by the way, is doing much, giving generously of time and money, to improve this Tercentenary as a means of making the true Roger Williams known to America and the world. He realizes that the issue of religious liberty is still with us. Indeed, at the time of the Washington meeting, New York's Governor Lehman, also a Jew, was telling some 5,000 Negro Baptists in New York that we must guard zealously that great principle of freedom of conscience which is an American tradition, but not without its assailants. That it is a live issue in Roumania Dr. Rushbrooke has recently discovered. (See page 604.) Mr. Straus' address has



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Governor Norman S. Case of Providence and Mrs. Daniel Hefferman of Washington placing the Baptist wreath at the Roger Williams statue in the Hall of Statuary

been published, and I hope it will be widely circulated.

An amusing incident was the placing of microphones on the tables carrying in large letters "N.B.C." This did not mean Northern Baptist Convention, as might naturally be supposed, but National Broadcasting Company. Mr. Straus spoke to both a seen dinner audience and an unseen radio audience.

The two evening addresses were worthy of a much more extended notice than I can give them. The first, by Dr. Harkness, laid stress on the fact that Williams' interest in religious freedom was not primarily philosophical or theological but practical. He liked folks and began with people, not doctrine. This factor has commonly been overlooked by his biographers. The open door to an understanding of Williams' heart is that he loved his fellowmen and championed their cause. This interpretation gives special value to this human portrait, which appears in the current issue of *The Journal of Religion*. The Historical Society, under his leadership, is to be highly commended for its initiative in arranging for these local celebrations of the Tercentenary.

Dr. Poteat had established a reputation for eloquence at the Northern Baptist Convention at Rochester in 1934. He did not disappoint expectations in his brilliant tribute to Williams and his review of Freedom in the various crises of history. Coming to the present, he said freedom must operate in three areas—intellectual and spiritual, political and social, and economic. He was scathing in denunciation of the trend in various States to limit intellectual freedom, and took Congress to task for considering 18 anti-sedition and anti-alien bills, all of which would have come under Roger Williams' denunciation today. Man, he said in conclusion, must be wholly free in his spiritual life, and also in his political and economic life.

The reports and space given by the Washington newspapers to the meeting indicate that it is not difficult to arouse public interest in the name of Roger Williams as the apostle of religious liberty. The Washington Star on Saturday printed an editorial of rare comprehension, a model of breadth and brevity. The writer was not only thoroughly acquainted with his subject but in hearty sympathy with it. Following are some quotations:

Obviously, mere citation of Williams as the founder of Rhode Island is not enough. His universal fame must depend upon a larger circumstance. It was his privilege to be the apostle of a doctrine which in time was to be a fundamental tenet of American philosophy—the proposition that the civil power has no jurisdiction over the conscience. By his assertion of the freedom of the human soul he won for himself a permanent place among the great

emancipators to whom, far more than to themselves, the masses owe whatever right to untrammeled thought and conduct they possess in an earth not notably friendly to any sort of independence.

Williams personified a value which is itself rare—a spiritual integrity which will not compromise with expediency. Of course he was convicted. In another place and period he would have been bound to a stake and burned as Joan of Arc, John Hus and Michael Servetus were. But even had he perished for his dream of a "free Church in a free State," the ideal for which he stood would have survived. That, indeed, is the proof of its importance. It is immortal because it represents a basic law of human evolu-

tion. . . . As a prophet, a crusader, the first man "to organize and build up a political community with absolute religious liberty as its chief corner stone," Roger Williams merits the grateful homage of civilization.

I suggest that one of the most effective ways of making these celebrations widely informing concerning Roger Williams and his influence upon government would be the printing by the Historical Society of a large edition of the two evening addresses and giving them wide circulation. Every Baptist minister should have a copy as source of one or more sermons on the apostle and his great principle.

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The Forward Fund and the Local Church

ORWARD Fund Sunday will be January 12, 1936. This will be the Sunday following the Week of Prayer, which makes it a fitting time to emphasize the plans and purposes of the denomination for inaugurating a missionary advance. The observance of this day should have associated with it the true idea of the Forward Fund as something far greater than the name implies. Its real significance is that of a movement to lift the entire denomination to a higher level. Our purpose is not to raise a separate Fund. Our actual goal is not a sum of money at all, but an advanced position for all our forces.

There is no work in the whole range of our missionary activities that will not be given a fresh impulse if we succeed under the Forward Fund plan in making a gain of \$500,000 in missionary giving during a two-year period. There is not a Northern Baptist local church that will fail to reflect in growth and power the spiritual benefits which great missionary movements invariably bestow upon those who support them.

All state Promotional Officers have busied themselves with the problem of producing activity in

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the local church with reference to the Forward Fund of \$500,000 which the denomination proposes to raise in the two-year period ending April 30, 1937.

The Forward Movement has produced a certain terminology which without formal adoption is coming into quite general use. The terms and the procedure which they connote help to awaken interest on the part of church members. For example, a "Candidate" church is one which makes missionary contributions in excess of the amount paid in during the corresponding months of 1934-1935. A "Forward Fund" church is one that makes contributions of the total given for missions in the year 1934-1935.

It will be noted that the status of a "Forward Fund" church may be reached at any time of the year because a church will be so listed in the first month that sees its giving for the year rise above the amount produced in the twelve months ending April 30th, 1935.

These designations were used in the circular issued by the Committee of Conference to accompany the Forward Fund poster for the use of Baptist women. They have found favor in the states and in some cases lists of Candidate and Forward Fund churches are regularly published.

In addition to the names of the churches, Wisconsin publishes a list of Forward Fund individuals.

A Decisive Factor

The Forward Fund movement will extend over two years and one of those years is now far spent. It is evident that the 1936 Every Member Canvass will be a decisive factor. Various groups are loyally working to swell the Forward Fund by means especially devised to that end, such as the striking poster issued by the women, Gift Boxes, etc. Nevertheless, the chief element that will determine the final result is the missionary budget of the local church.

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Photograph of the new David Livingstone statue in Africa, erected on the brink of Victoria Falls which he discovered. (See MISSIONS, November, 1934, page 542)

year increases the amount raised for missions is making a contribution to the Forward Fund. Every Baptist who in this canvass makes his pledge for missions as large as he possibly can, is helping his church to take its place among the leaders. In this way we shall record in our pledges our attitude in respect to this important movement. It is thus our opportunity to declare for the strengthening of our churches, and progress of missions, and a broadening of the influence of the Christian gospel throughout the world.

MILESTONES

Belated orders for *Milestones* will receive the best attention which it is possible to give them, but the fact should be borne in mind that only one edition is printed and when that is exhausted no more copies can be had.

Inasmuch as the number printed is based on advance orders, no large surplus will be available for emergencies. The Council on Finance and Promotion will continue to furnish the full orders as long as the present supply permits, but that will be for no great length of time.

The church which is not already supplied will have to act at once or take the risk of receiving fewer copies than it really needs.

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An inspirational cover design by Leroy Henry Appleton makes the Book of Remembrance for 1936 both different and pleasing in appearance. The price of this favorite Northern Baptist handbook remains 25 cents per copy.

It is time now to send in orders for Christmas delivery.

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CHRISTMAS IN OTHER LANDS

Sharing Christmas Joys

Before Christmas our pupils planned as usual to share Christmas joys. They raised their own funds, bought their own gifts, chose the village they would visit, arranged their own program, and in every case carried out the plans in a happy, unselfish way. The teachers cooperated with the pupils. The I Form of 29 girls chose to go to the caste people in a village three miles away. They had a good audience, taught a Christmas song, distributed gifts to about 87 non-Christian boys and girls, caste, non-caste and Mohammedan. A Reddi woman, a friend of ours, kindly let us meet in her front yard and verandah and she herself sat with us and helped to distribute the sweets.—E. Grace Bullard, Kavali, South India.

Celebrating Christmas Five Times in Burma

During the Christmas vacation I made a tour among nine of the Nyaunglebin churches in the west of the field between Nyaunglebin and Deik-u. I celebrated Christmas five times. As our White Cross gifts this year had been unusually generous, we had a number of cards and pictures on hand which I took with me to the jungle. There were enough to go around and the children were delighted to receive them.

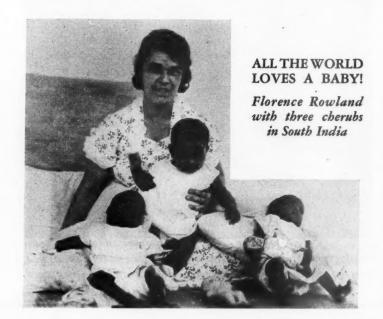
The villages had not been visited since Miss Peter was transferred and the people received us very warmly and were most appreciative. In one village the pastor said, "We are glad to have the Buddhists see that we have a leader who cares enough for us to put herself to great inconvenience in order to worship with us and share in our Christmas joy." They realize that the long cart rides and the awful dust make travel hard and they appreciated our coming. It seems to me that this personal touch is the most important thing we can do and the last to be given up. I was glad to have the opportunity to make these contacts with my new friends and co-workers on this field.

Our general evangelist and some of the Seminary people were at Padoplaeo during the Christmas holidays for a Bible class.—
Rachel H. Seagrave, Nyaunglebin, Burma.

Christmas in the Jungle

I have succeeded in making one jungle trip so far this year. With three of our workers, I took a two days' trip to a little church which I had never visited. It is so far away that my brother usually makes only one visit to it yearly. We left Pegu on the morning of December 31st, went by train to a village on the railway, then by cart the remaining five miles, reaching our destination, Khin-in-gyi, in the afternoon. The 1st of January was staged as their Christmas celebration—sports in the morning, an evangelistic service for the non-Christians at noon, and Christmas tree in the evening.

We have a fine Christian government official, Robert Maung Tin, living at Daiku, between Pegu and Khin-in-gyi. This man wrote to various people in Rangoon and other places, asking them to contribute money to be used in buying gifts for the Christians in four or five of our Pegu District centers. I made up a box of gifts from the White Cross boxes which have been sent me this year, and sent it to him. It contained about 50 to 60 gifts. He received Rupees 70, which he spent for blankets and distributed to the various centers.



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ABOVE: Happy kindergarten children in Morioka, Japan, enjoy making Christmas gifts for their families

As a result quite a number of poor people in the village where we went received warm blankets for Christmas. I wish you could have seen their happiness.—Mary L. Parish, Pegu, Burma.

Carols and Fire-Crackers

We had a very lovely Christmas this year. The weather was beautiful. The students started singing Christmas carols at midnight, one group or another through the night. What seems quite incongruous to us but quite fitting to them is to have the carols accompanied by the popping of fire-crackers. I might manage to sleep through a few softly sung Christmas carols but I certainly could not manage many winks in between the explo-

sions which seemed to occur about every eight minutes. To the Chinese no celebration is complete unless there are fire-crackers, whether it be a marriage or a funeral, and of course Christmas must not be neglected.

I wish you could have seen all our hospital children as each one received a doll this year. They were certainly happy and proud new parents. The White Cross supplies mean so much to us here and we are indeed grateful to you who send them. We want you to know that we feel a fellowship with you which stretches across the sea. You are often in our thoughts and prayers. If it were not for you and your prayers and gifts and sacrifices, we would accomplish very little.-Marion Stephens, M.D., Scott-Thresher Memorial Hospital, Kakchieh, via Swatow, South China.

Mrs. Smith Visits Fields

Mrs. Howard Wayne Smith, President of the Woman's Foreign Society, sailed on October 16, on the S.S. Lurline from Los Angeles, to attend the celebrations of the centenaries in Assam, Bengal-Orissa and South India. Miss Grace A. Maine, formerly Acting Foreign Secretary for the Society, sailed on the same steamer. She will accompany Mrs. Smith to these fields before continuing her service as a missionary in Burma. This visit of the President of the Society is made possible through funds bequeathed by Mrs. H. E. Goodman for the specific purpose of having officers and Board members visit the mission fields. It is fitting that Mrs. Smith should be the first one to use this fund given by a former president of the Society.

An Interesting Luncheon

An interesting event was the luncheon held at the George Washington Hotel, New York City, under the auspices of the Committee on Woman's Work of the Missions Conference. Foreign Among the honored guests were Miss Margaret Wrong of London, identified with Christian Literature in Africa, Mrs. Julius Richter of Berlin, and the Baroness van Boetzelaer van Dubbledam of Holland. Although this is the first visit the Baroness has paid to this country, she is well known here as the author of the World Day of Prayer program for 1935. At this interdenominational gathering a number of Baptist women were present. Mrs. Howard Wayne Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Woman's Work, presided at the luncheon. The meeting of the International Missionary Council at Northfield, Mass., was the event which brought these distinguished visitors to our shores.

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Christmas Pageantry on Home Fields

In a Mexican Village

Senorita Sanchez and I spent Christmas week in the village of Santa Isabel, Mexico, where we were entertained in the home of one of our school boys from Colegio Howard. Although the family are not yet members of the church, they are very sympathetic toward the work. The large room with a good brick floor, which served as our work-room during the day and as a meeting place for the evening services, became our bedroom at night. We made ourselves very comfortable on our portable beds with rope springs and mattresses filled with Spanish moss.

The children responded to our suggestion that the joy of the Christmas season consists in giving. They not only made the trimmings for the tree, but mounted pictures as gifts for their mothers, and made a cut-out wall picture of the "Feeding of the Five Thousand," as a gift to the Sunday school. They also filled a basket with corn, beans, sugar, coffee and bread for one of the families in need.

The mothers and fathers joined in the Christmas preparations. The men walked to another village to purchase a huge sack of peanuts and some candy. Although they knew their own group would have a treat, they said "Many of the village people will attend the program and we want to give them a treat also." They cut a beautiful evergreen for the Christmas tree, and borrowed benches to accommodate the people. All these extra duties left the people little time for

sleep, but what did they care? They were participating in the Christmas spirit.

Our large room has a balcony; I believe there are only two homes in the village that boast such a luxury. We feel very fortunate to have the use of such quarters. Here more than 100 persons saw the Christmas play and listened to the message of the pastor of the Puebla church. Others had glimpses of the program from the balcony and doorway. After the program more than 150 people took part in the breaking of five pinatas in the patio. There were shouts of glee as the blindfolded youth searched in vain for the gaily decorated earthenware jar, and more shouts when the successful one broke the pinata with a cornstalk, and the peanuts rolled on the ground. The customary scramble followed.—Marjorie B. Hall, Puebla, Mexico.

At Lodge Grass

For several years the Crow Indians have portrayed the Christmas story in pageant. At our first practice this year, Mrs. Petzoldt reminded those who had been selected to have a part that since the older people could not read the Christmas story out of the Bible, they were dependent upon others to hear it told or to see it portrayed. With this thought in mind, the Crows put on one of the finest pageants they have ever given.

The Wise Men, McKinley Backbone, John White Man Runs Him, and Ben Pease, took their parts with dignity and poise, as befitted



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three kings of Orient. The cherubs, with clasped hands and angelic faces, gazed into the manger as they encircled the Holy Family. The shepherds were three stalwart boys, Frankie, William, and Edmund, whose skill in basket-ball and dextrous manoeuvers with the ball make any game in which they play worth the price of admission. The two readers, Joseph Medicine Crow, home from Bacone for Christmas, and Thomas Yellow Tail, did their parts splendidly. After the practice we all gathered in the kitchen for doughnuts and coffee which a thoughtful committee had provided.

On Sunday evening the cast assembled promptly to dress so that at the appointed time, with the choir members in their places and the electricians on the job, the

pageant was ready to begin. Each picture brought more vividly to our minds the events centering around the birth of our Saviourfrom the weary pilgrims on their way to Bethlehem to the angels singing the "Glory Song" to the shepherds. Perhaps the picture which stands out most clearly was Josephine Pease, sophomore at Linfield College, who portrayed Mary kneeling to receive the lily from the hands of the angel, her cousin, Virginia Pease, whose Indian name is "Walks to the Church."—Malvina Johnson.

A Crowd of 1,000 in Managua

More than a thousand people gathered for the Christmas service in the Baptist Church of Managua, Nicaragua. The first part of the program was presented by the small tots. The Scripture reading was very effectively given by one of our students in Colegio Bautista. Our pastor, Don Arturo Parajon, gave a wonderful message. The choir sang special Christmas numbers. The splendid order and attention throughout, the passages from God's Word given with such fervor, the spirit of the message and the fact that 25 people made public

their desire to have Jesus as their Saviour, somehow made this Christmas program different from any other and more precious.—Ida Warnock.

In El Salvador

"What have you asked of the God-Child?" is the question frequently heard in El Salvador, for here there is no Santa Claus. The little ones, happy with their gifts on Christmas Day, exclaim, "See what the Child brought me!" A lovely expression this, if pondered—"What do we ask of the Christ Child? What did He bring us?"

Everyone in San Salvador, as in all parts of the civilized earth, is up late on Christmas Eve. Streets are filled with people going from house to house to see the Nacimientos placed in homes of rich and poor. Often an entire room is set apart for this. One near our church was particularly beautiful. The room, which opens to the street, represented a mountain village with the ordinary tiled-roof huts scattered among the hills. The cardboard

BELOW: Children at Santa Isabel, Mexico, love to attend the Daily Vacation Bible School

hills were covered with canvas and painted to represent rocks and vegetation. Tiny clay toys represented rustics at labor, women plying their daily tasks, animals of every sort dotting the landscape. There were sisters of charity aiding the sick and gay dancers under the palm tree. Even Adam and Eve were represented! In the background were the stable, the Child, Joseph and Mary, and the Wise Men. The ceiling of the room was covered with blue canvas and over this was draped white silk gauze to represent lovely, fleecy clouds. Gold stars were pasted to the blue cloth. Tinsel hanging from the cloth gave the effect of a clear. cold night. This Spanish custom, handed down to Latin-America, is a vivid and impressive manner of celebrating Christmas. It keeps before the people the meaning of the day, for the faithful preparation of a Nacimiento is a religious act and duty. Much devotion and love are expressed in preparing the scene. All members of the household take part in making the houses, dolls, trees or other objects.—Evalena McCutcheon, Colegio Bautista, San Salvador, El Salvador.



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Blending the Christmas Spirit with the Thanksgiving Impulse

A Suggestion for Communion Sunday in December

By GEORGE L. WHITE

M OST Baptist churches will observe the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday in December. After the communion service most churches will take up a fellowship offering for those in need.

This year our churches will generally devote the offering on that day to the relief of aged and retired ministers and missionaries. Every dollar so given will go directly to help those in extreme need. This plan has the endorsement of the Northern Baptist Convention which at Colorado Springs last June adopted the following:

VOTED, that the Convention express itself as heartily approving the appeal of The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board in the churches for one Fellowship Offering per year taken at a communion service, to be sent to the Board.

Many Baptist State Conventions and hundreds of associations have passed similar recommendations to their churches. This gives opportunity for purely voluntary gifts.

This year the need is so extreme as to be far beyond the ability of The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board to meet it. In fact, the Board has been compelled to reduce grants to hundreds of beneficiaries. Many are blind, crippled, bedridden, and seriously ill. Some are between 90 and 100 years of age. Among them are some of the choicest spirits in the world. One now in his 92nd year, during his active ministry baptized more than 7,000 persons. But the small grant upon which he and his wife have lived has now been reduced.

Why? Why have grants been reduced, and why is there such great need? The amount received



REV. L. W. GOWEN

He is 85 years old and has been blind for 10 years. Has read the Bible 12 times through with his fingers, the New Testament and Psalms 18 times

by the Board as its share of the beneficent offerings of the denomination during the past year amounted to \$137,070. This is about \$300,000 LESS than it was receiving annually from the churches ten years ago. The Board cannot distribute what it does not receive. The financial condition of the Board is sound in every respect, but to maintain its integrity it must live within its income.

During the past year 79 beneficiaries died at an average age of 80 years. In some cases death was hastened on account of lack of proper food, medical care, and the usual comforts of life. Shall we not raise a generous fellowship offering on Communion Sunday so that distribution may be made during the winter months when the need is greatest? We can thus blend our Christmas spirit with our thanksgiving impulse. All offerings should be sent directly to The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board, 152 Madison Ave., New York.

The Roger Williams Tercentenary

By CLARENCE M. GALLUP

The celebration of the 300th anniversary of the expulsion of Roger Williams from Massachusetts in 1635 and of the founding of Providence Plantations by him in 1636 already has gripped the imagination of Northern Baptists.

For the benefit of our constituency and other Baptists everywhere, the following chronicle of leading events which already have transpired in the celebration will be of interest. A bibliography is included for those who wish to read about or study the career of the great American pioneer of soul-liberty whose name is in the Hall of Fame and whose work is so useful today amid threats to conscience-freedom in various lands.

CHRONICLE OF LEADING EVENTS

already transpired in the Roger Williams Tercentenary

APPOINTMENT OF THE TERCENTE-NARY COMMITTEE by the General Council of the Northern Baptist Convention.

RATIFICATION OF THE COMMITTEE and its work by the Convention at Colorado Springs.

APPOINTMENT OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY by the Tercentenary Committee as the Committee's agent for the promotion of the celebration.

PRESENTATION OF THE TERCENTEN-ARY PAGEANT, "Roger Williams Passes By," on the campus of Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa., on Com-

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mencement Day, June 4, 1935. (See Missions, September, 1935, page 413.)

Addresses on Roger Williams at the annual sessions of the Northern Baptist Convention at Colorado Springs, June, 1935, by President R. E. E. Harkness, of the American Baptist Historical Society, and Dean Charles W. Gilkey, of Chicago.

EXHIBITION OF MOTION-PICTURES of the Tercentenary Pageant, taken by Dr. Harry S. Myers.

REPORT TO THE CONVENTION of the Tercentenary Committee.

ARTICLES IN THE PRESS concerning the Tercentenary, by R. E. E. Harkness, H. B. Grose, M. E. McIntosh, C. M. Gallup, the editors of *The Watchman Examiner* and of Missions, and others.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH GOVERN-MENT OFFICIALS and other leaders in the District of Columbia and in Rhode Island concerning the issuance of a Roger Williams postage stamp, with cordial reception of the idea.

CELEBRATION OF THE TERCENTE-NARY by the official committees of both the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions, and the Historical Society, as guests of the National Memorial Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. (See detailed report on pages 616-617 in this issue.)

PUBLICATION OF THE TERCENTE-NARY PAGEANT for use throughout the country.

The celebration will continue throughout 1936 and will be paralleled in Rhode Island by a state celebration of the founding of Providence.

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Young People's Essay Contest

This year we renew our Essay Contests for Young People, conducted by the Stewardship Committee of the Council on Finance and Promotion. The contest opens January 15, 1936, and closes March 15, 1936. All essays to receive consideration must be in the hands of the Stewardship Committee by midnight of March 15.

The prizes will be paid in cash and in each group there will be three awards. The first prize for Group 1 will be \$75 and in each of the other two groups it will be \$50. All Baptist young people between the ages of 14 and 25 living in the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention or in mission stations are eligible to enter the contests.

The subjects are:

Class 1, Senior: "Money—A Bad Master or a Good Servant?"

Class 2, World Wide Guild: "What Relation Has Money to My Christian Life?"

Class 3, Junior: "How Shall I Use My Money?"

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November 1, 1935

The Traveler."

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Alton E. Bigelow

On October 16 a message was flashed from the S.S. President Coolidge, that Rev. A. E. Bigelow, missionary, en route with his wife from the Philippines, had died and burial was to be at sea that evening. Dr. Bigelow had been sick but a short time and was coming to the homeland for special treatment. He had returned to the field in May 1935, and word of his death is a shock to all.

Dr. Bigelow was born in Gridley, Cal., December 3, 1876. He was a graduate of Shurtleff College, 1904, of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, 1907, and in 1928 received his Master's Degree at Denison University. That same year Shurtleff College conferred on him the degree of D.D.

Dr. Bigelow first went to the Philippines in 1907, appointed to the staff of the Jaro Industrial School, now the Central Philippine College. Two years later he was assigned to field work in Iloilo Province. From 1913–1915 he was in charge of the Iloilo Mission Press. In 1918 he returned to the faculty of the Central Philippine College where he served until his death. In ad-

dition, he was editor of the Christian dialect paper, *The Messenger*, published several monumental works, including a revision of the Visayan Bible, a Visayan Grammar and a Visayan-English Dictionary.

Dr. Bigelow leaves a wife and three children.

Ada A. Brigham

A beautiful life went out from our fellowship in the passing on October 8th of Ada A. Brigham from her home in Bennington, Vt., to whom foreign missions were always a supreme concern. For many years she served as Foreign Mission Secretary in her home. state of Vermont. In 1916 she went to Boston and from that time to 1930 she spent most of her winters in Hasseltine House at Newton Center and in that way became acquainted with a great group of our missionaries. In 1916 also she became Foreign Vice-President of the New England District of our Women's Foreign Mission Society, and by virtue of that office was a member of the National Board and of its executive and finance committees. When in 1930 failing health compelled her to

give up active service, she became an associate member of the National Board and a short time ago, because of her distinguished and devoted service, she was made an honorary life member. No missionary ever had a better friend than every one of our New England missionaries had in Miss Brigham. Her constant letters and her prayers were always going out to them. She was a blessing to every life which she touched and her presence was a benediction to every group she joined.

Eva E. McCoy

Miss McCoy, for years a worker under the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, passed away at her home in Eugene, Ore., on September 17th, after an illness of some months. Following her graduation from the Baptist Missionary Training School, she served for a time in Lansing, Mich., later in Trenton, N. J., and for 12 years in New York City and in Brooklyn, working with the Italians. Since going to Eugene about six years ago she was always active in the work of the First Church. The inspiration of her life will live on through the years.

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Roger Williams Material

Many Baptist churches are preparing services recognizing the tercentenary of Roger Williams and his contribution to American life. The following materials are of special value:

A pageant entitled Roger Williams Passes By has been prepared by Dr. Clarence M. Gallup. This pageant was presented at Crozer Seminary and is now made available in printed form through the

courtesy of the Roger Williams Tercentenary Committee. In its entirety it will require one and one-half hours to present, but it may be reduced so that it can be given in one-half that time, or selections may be made, for which instructions are given. Order from 152 Madison Ave., New York.

Hitherto-Henceforth is the title of a pageant by Rachel H. Dithridge presenting different phases of Baptist history. This was the pageant presented at the last meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention. The first section deals with Roger Williams and is of special value to churches desiring a brief presentation. Order from the Council on Finance and Promotion. Price 10¢.

Graded Foreign Mission Stories

The graded missionary stories for use in Baptist Sunday schools during January, February and

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March, 1936, are built around the centennials of our Baptist mission work in South China, South India, Bengal-Orissa and Assam.

The Primary series, dealing with Assam only, has been written by Miss E. Marie Holmes, a missionary in Gauhati, Assam. The Junior stories relate to the four centennial mission fields and have been prepared by Rev. Alvah C. Bowers, for many years a missionary in Assam. The third volume, for use among older Intermediates, Young People and Adults, deals with missionary facts on the centennial countries. This will be of special value to Sunday school teachers, pastors and missionary leaders. It brings together the latest and most vital information about these countries. Price, 15¢ each, or 35¢ for the set of three.

In addition to their use in the Sunday school, these materials are valuable for programs in Young People's Societies. Selected items from the *Intermediate* booklet may also be used for church bulletin boards and calendars.

Write to the Department for folder announcing these graded materials and other suggestions for missionary education in the Sunday school.

A Union School of Missions

The Woman's Church Union of New Haven, Conn., is in the midst of an interdenominational school of missions, and anticipates at least 200 women in attendance. An extensive missionary exhibit is planned, and the various Boards are asked to contribute their missionary materials.

A Beautiful Portrait

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has published a beautiful photograph of Henrietta Hall Shuck, neatly mounted in a folder which contains a brief sketch of her life. Mrs. Shuck was one of the pioneers in the South China mission, the centennial of which both Northern and Southern Baptists are celebrating, and her story is told in Youth Unafraid, by Mrs. Anna C. Swain. Copies of this photograph may be secured by writing to Miss Isabelle Coleman, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Price, 25¢.

School of Missions in Lincoln, Nebraska

The First Baptist Church of Lincoln, Neb., Rev. Clifton H. Walcott pastor, is pursuing an interesting plan for its school of missions. The groups are meeting in a series of fellowship suppers, followed by class periods and interdenominational assembly meetings with a large attendance. One feature of the meetings for three weeks is a stereopticon presentation of upper Burma. In addition to mission study, a discussion group is busy with the report of the Commission on Social Action and the Peace Plebiscite. A large group of men participated in this special session.

Stewardship Essay Contest

A new Stewardship Essay Contest has been announced by the Stewardship Committee of the Council on Finance and Promotion. Each year the committee projects these essay contests particularly for young women. The present contest begins in January 1936. Three groups may compete -Senior Young People, Teen-age W. W. G. and Intermediates. Cash prizes are offered for the best essays. Circulars are already off the press and may be received on request from the Council on Finance and Promotion.

Special Booklet for Pastors

Missionary Facts about Home Mission Pioneering is the title of a hand-book of missionary ammunition which the Department of Missionary Education issued in September and which the Council on Finance and Promotion has reprinted in a special edition to be sent without cost to pastors. It is filled with last minute illustrative material in the field of Home Mission adventure and is especially valuable for quotation purposes.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS

How a New Chapter Started Off

A new Royal Ambassador group, called the Lisle Chapter, No. 746, at Wilmington, Vt., outlines its work in most interesting terms. They undertook the study of James Chalmers and David Livingstone. They distributed copies of Missions to the boys in order that items of interest from various states might be studied.

One of their enterprises is a map project. Blue stars are being placed on a map of the United States indicating the locations of Royal Ambassador groups. In the Missionary Heroes Courses they are mapping out each life for visualization. They also have started a scrapbook of materials from Missions for later reference, and the editor of Missions has graciously supplied old copies of the magazine for that purpose.

The chapter was named in honor of Rev. William McIntyre Lisle, and descendants of the family are affiliated with the church, so the boys have provided an interesting biographical statement. Best wishes to this chapter! We commend its initiative and welcome similar reports from other chapters.

Cheyenne Baptist Boys' Camp

From Wyoming comes a brief report of the successful Cheyenne Baptist Boys' Camp held at Pole Mountain Game Refuge, 25 miles west of Cheyenne. Two young college men home for the summer had charge of the camp. The pastor, Dr. H. W. Bolle, and Dr. W. F. Ripley, Director of Christian Education for Colorado, lectured and

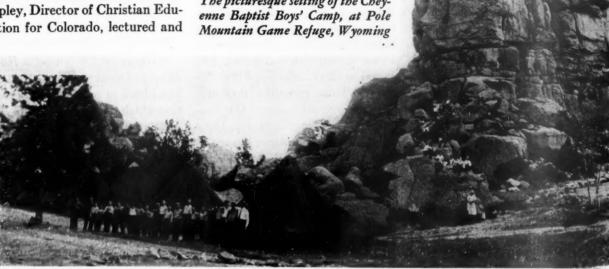
spent some time at the camp. Though small in numbers, the camp exhibited a splendid spirit and the boys are looking forward to a larger camp next year. They used the Missionary Heroes Courses. The accompanying picture shows the unique location of the camp.

Father and Son Banquet

On October 10th, Clarence De-Mar, the famous runner, and Rev. C. Raymond Chappell, newly

The picturesque setting of the Cheyenne Baptist Boys' Camp, at Pole Mountain Game Refuge, Wyoming

elected Secretary of the New Hampshire State Convention. spoke at an R. A. Father and Son Banquet in Franklin, N. H. There were about 60 men and boys present. It was the first attempt of the new chapter to do a big job and it was very successful.



WORLD WIDE GUILD

Christmas Bells

I heard the bells on Christmas Day Their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet the words repeat Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

I thought how, as the day had come, The belfries of all Christendom Had rolled along the unbroken song Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said; "For hate is strong, and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good-will to men.'

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:

"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep! The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, With peace on earth, good-will to

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

With such a confident faith in the ultimate triumph of right because of a God who gave the world that "unspeakable gift" the first Christmas Day, may I wish Guild girls the world around the deepest joys of the Christmastide.

Guild Vesper Sunday will be over when you receive this number of Missions, but the new Vesper Worship Service by Sallie Coy is appropriate for any time and may be followed most effectively by Violet Hoener's Gates of Light. Time Out, by Margaret Tuck, is a series of programs for older groups based on Between Two Centuries. A very fine supplementary book is Fun and Festival from Latin-America, by Helen Garvin. It describes religious and other festivals and holidays, music, games and sports, foods. Order it from the Missionary Education Movement, 150 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. Price 25¢.

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Alma Mater

purpose and rules of the Stewardship Essay Contest, Dr. Agar has prepared a simple leaflet listing helpful material. Here's hoping Guild girls will spring into action in this project. Dr. Harry Myers has revised the Guild stereopticon lecture and that may be had by paying parcel post charges both ways. Address Stereopticon Department, 152 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.

By some unaccountable slip somewhere, The Mysterious Inheritance, by Grace Livingstone Hill, was listed on our Reading Contest before it was found to be out-of-print. Hence, we are allowing you to substitute any other book by the same author just for this year. Rumors are afloat that Sowing Seed in Assam, by Marie Holmes, is out-of-print. That is an error.

"Almari" with the two Nobles aboard spent two weeks with New

England Guilders and Crusaders in House Parties and Rallies in Rhode Island, Cambridge, Mass., Portland, Me., and the Tri-State House Party for Western Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire at Jaffrey. There were conferences between these events and it was the greatest satisfaction to be able once more to talk face to face with our leaders and followers. One word must suffice to describe them-superlative. The "Gateways" theme was variously interpreted. Reports have come from enthusiastic rallies in Connecticut and Indiana. A new venture was made in September for Long Island and Southern New York by Edith Estey and Peg Lanphear. The gates of International Seminary,

BELOW: Guild Girls of Ashtabula Association, Ohio, enjoy picnicking on the hills overlooking Lake Erie East Orange, N. J., swung wide to 75 Guilders and they had two wonderful days together.

A delightful surprise on the New England trip was an unexpected meeting and luncheon with Helen Hobart Williams, who was our Field Secretary several years ago. She is the same vivacious Helen and wished to be remembered to all of you who knew her.

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Picnic on Lake Erie

On a high hill overlooking Lake Erie, 113 Guilders from Ashtabula Association, Ohio, gathered for an all-day picnic in June. They had an honest-to-goodness conference on various phases of the year's







ABOVE: Left to right, W. W. G., Summit, N. J., and Luray, Kansas. Both are small but active Guilds

activities. One feature was an attempt to answer the questions listed on the back page of *Guild Goals*. An impressive devotional service, an inspirational talk, plenty of singing and a gala time from start to finish resulted in a unanimous vote to repeat.

Another Piute Indian Guild

A Junior World Wide Guild has been organized among the girls who go into Fallon to attend school. They are an interesting and enthusiastic group. Although organized only a short time, they are already busy in the Reading Contest and have done White Cross work. They are also helpful about the Mission. They helped in preparing the name cards and filling the candy bags for the Christmas treat. They also formed the choir to sing for our Christmas pageant.

Denver City Union

More than 100 Denver Guild girls gathered at beautifully decorated tables at Beth Eden Church,
September 20th, for their quarterly
rally. All were delighted with the
speaker of the evening, Mrs. Florence Crannell Means, well-known
author of missionary and inspirational books. The hearts of the
girls were touched, as she told of



the lives of young Navajo girls, with their limited opportunities and very dark outlook. Mrs. Means said she felt that Christ-centered schools and lives were the only hope for the young people of the Navajo tribe. Four phases of our Guild work, Reading, Guild Gifts, Travelogues, and White Cross, were presented very cleverly by four different Guilds. The presentations were through posters, short skits and talks.

A Counsellor Entertains

The Torchbearers Guild, Memorial Church, Fresno, Cal., closed a successful year's work on April 27th and 28th with a house party at the home of their counsellor, Miss Alice Ford. Saturday evening was spent in a social manner and just before retiring we gathered in the gloaming for a Vesper Service. Sunday morning we all attended Bible School and Worship Service in a body, each girl wearing a cor-

LEFT: The Torchbearers Guild of Fresno, Cal., who closed a successful year with a House Party

sage bouquet in Guild colors. Following lunch, the girls assisted their Pastor in the weekly Gospel Sunshine Broadcast over Radio Station KMJ. After a buffet supper and the taking of the accompanying group picture, we all attended evening worship service which brought to a close a most profitable and enjoyable week-end.

A Happy Group in Kansas

The Junior Guild in Luray, Kans., only 10 in number, have carried on a program of Guild activities since they were organized a year ago that might well do credit to a large Guild. They used our study book on Japan, completed their White Cross quota, raised their pledge to the Special Guild Gift, have given three misionary plays, besides reading some of the contest books. Their Counsellor writes: "We read of so many things to do in Missions that we know we shall always be kept busy."

A Different Variety of Jersey Sweets

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The accompanying picture of those nine smiling girls shows the year-old Guild in the First Church, Summit, N. J. Their first year was

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marked with success and best of all "great happiness" in their Guild activities.

A Guild That Meets in the Morning

Our W. W. G. at the Indian Mission, Fallon, Nev., put on a play for the all-day missionary meeting held at the mission in April and repeated it one evening for the people of the Reservation and on Sunday afternoon at the Y.W.C.A. meeting at the Stewart Indian School. Three girls from this small group attended the State W. W. G. Rally held in Sparks and had a chance to see how other girls put on a program. Probably we are the only W. W. G. which meets in the morning, but it is too hot afternoons for them to walk to the mission.

Ten Days for Idaho Guilders

There were 66 of them in their own Leona Lodge during the ten days of the Idaho Assembly and they were given a large place on the program. They sponsored a campfire service one night, had their own devotional service each night based on various "Gateways" themes, held Open House one afternoon, when after a tour of inspection Mrs. Agee presented gifts and letters to the Lodge by Guilds and churches; and the last evening the Guild girls had a lovely dinner at Sawtooth Grill, the Assembly dining hall. The tables were decorated with blue crêpe streamers, mountain flowers, and candles, there were beautifully printed place-cards and a huge white frosted cake with W. W. G. formed by blue candles.

we want them to think of and share with others at Christmas.

The gift-bringing should be planned in advance by all children's leaders so that the children will be asked for only one gift, and will be told to whom it will go. Better still, suggest two or three objects and let them choose between them. It is not good management nor good psychology to ask the group for several different offerings, even at Christmas time.

A picture of the Nativity with children of all nations will make a good poster to announce the party. A few scenes, only two or three, well arranged showing Christmas customs in other countries, give a chance to explain that Christmas is celebrated only in Christian countries and where Christian missionaries have gone to pagan lands to tell about Jesus. Have games of all lands.

For table decorations make paper dolls of all nations, animals from various lands, vehicles, etc. When the party is over each child may choose which of the decorations he would like to take home.

Patterns of all sorts are easily available in these days of illustrated geographies and readers. Also the 5- and 10-cent stores have wonderful picture books. Here are some titles: Sammy Goes Round the World, Houses Around the World, Children Around the World, Paper Dolls Around the World, The Play-It Book. There are also the Milton Bradley patterns.

The women and Guild girls use a great deal of ingenuity and hours of time in making their Banquets attractive in every detail. Children are just as appreciative, or even more, of the pretty decorations and tables for their parties. The Guild girls will be glad to make the favors and the women to serve the refreshments any time the children's leaders ask them.

Children's World Crusade

Seems to Me By Nancy Byrd Turner

Seems to me the stars shine brighter Christmas night;

Seems to me the snow lies whiter Christmas night;

The solemn trees stand straighter, And the frosty moon sets later, And the hush is stiller, greater, Christmas night.

Seems to me sad things are fewer Christmas night;

Seems to me glad things are truer Christmas night;

Seems to me the bells ring clearer
From their steeples, louder, nearer—
Seems to me the whole world's dearer

Christmas night.

A Joyous Christmas to You All

"May the word of Christ dwell in you richly." "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full."

Mary L. Mole.
218 Lancaster Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Suggestions for Christmas Parties

In every church there will be a Christmas party for the children. Some will be strictly play time with games and oranges and candy. Some will come nearer to the White Christmas service, with gifts for others at the heart of the service. There will be between these a large number of churches which will want to include some features of both types. Jesus was a welcome guest at social functions in His day and we do well to give our boys and girls the best time of the Season in His house. Obviously

Hand Work for Our Missionaries

Miss Thelma Cushing, Mexican Christian Center, 1205 East First St., Los Angeles, Cal., asks for paper dolls and materials for dresses; materials to make Valentines; good stories from Sunday school papers and children's magazines bound with strong paper covers; odds and ends of worsted, all colors; baby blankets, yard square, of outing or soft flannel, bound or feather-stitched; candy bags for Christmas boxes; strings of beads.

Mr. Kenneth Hobart, American Baptist Mission, Swatow, South China, asks for "cut me out" envelopes with scissors; scrapbooks and picture post cards; stuffed animals made of old tubes; odds and ends of worsted, all colors; bags of silk, cretonne or denim; handkerchiefs of cotton; dolls made of gingham; packages of flower seeds;

BELOW: Mohammedan children of Nellore, India, who have missed many of the joys and pleasures of childhood



baby blankets, yard square; pricked cards; "put me together" picture puzzles; topic scrapbook on "Life of Christ."

Pictures of India

There is always a desire on the part of leaders for pictures of children in the countries we study. Miss Edith Ballard, 12 Glen Street, Malden, Mass., is our new C. W. C. Secretary for Eastern Massachusetts. She has been a missionary in India and has some pictures which she will make up into packets of from 6 to 10 pictures for Association Secretaries to lend to the groups in the local

LEFT: Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Osgood, two of our Special Missionaries. Read Mr. Osgood's letter on the next page

churches. The slight charge for postage and container can easily be taken care of by the churches. Miss Ballard also has some lantern slides on India for the use of which arrangements can be made with her direct. Here are two chances to get authentic picturse of Baptist brothers and sisters in India.

"River Children"

Mrs. Mary Brewster Hollister has given us a most delightful story of a group of people who are quite unique in modern life, the families who live and die on boats. While we are thinking especially about the 100 years of our work in China, give the children a Christmas present that will be a constant delight and inspiration to them, *River Children*, price \$2.00.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' COLUMN

This month we have some special letters from your Special Missionaries across the seas.

Dr. Morris writes: I have gathered together all the pictures of children I can find and am sending them on to you. You would love to see the room that is our nursery full of babies—so many of them that we are having to have more beds made. Most of the mothers insist on taking the babies home before they are ten days old, so it is a changing and very youthful group. Recently there were 19 wee things there, crying every three hours for their milk.

All the school children are given a physical examination by one of the nurses who has been trained in our hospital. At noon the children



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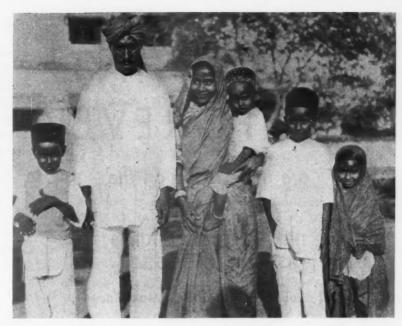
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scatter in groups sitting on the ground to eat their mid-day meal. They are very expert in tossing the ball of rice into their mouths. There is a common well in the village and it is the boys' business to draw the water. They have water jars which they let down into the well by rope. Sometimes the rope and the jars are put down on the ground in the dirt before the water is drawn and never is the well covered, so it is easy to see that epidemics spread very fast in those villages." (Dr. Morris has sent the pictures of India in our Department this month.—M. L. N.)

From Mr. Hobart: We have been in China 13 years. Our three older children are in school, and although we live on a compound with 13 other missionaries, ours are the only children here and I am the only teacher. Sylvia, the little four-year-old, will enter a Chinese kindergarten where a very able Chinese teacher is in charge. There are a few British children over in Swatow across the river, which is rough most of the time so the children see very little of other foreign children. Eleanor, the oldest, loves to read, and they have to play with their dog and with each other. In the Sunday school we have Children's Day with promotion certificates and awards for attendance. The children of our amah (nurse) received the new testament and a framed Bible picture which made them very happy.

Mr. Osgood and his family are in Albany, Ore, for this year. Here is his letter to you: We are very much interested in the Children's Crusade work and will be glad to tell you about our home and friends in Bengal-Orissa. We have three children. The boy, Frederic

RIGHT: This little Mohammedan girl wears a brilliant cerise dress and a blue hat



Cyril, is seven years old. He loves to run races and play out of doors, building things and taking them apart, but he likes reading even better. Janet Louise, six years old, is very fond of drawing and all kinds of handwork. School is a delight to her. She and Frederic have just finished a two weeks' Daily Vacation Bible School course here in Albany and are delighted with all such things. Janet only learned to talk English about two years ago, as she had talked Oriya up to that time. Luella Lee is three years



ABOVE: A Mohammedan family who are enthusiastic friends of the Nellore Hospital in India

old. She is very fond of dolls and has to take them all to bed with her. Mrs. Osgood and I have charge of 15 day schools and as many Sunday schools.

There is a great deal of leprosy in our district and I have helped with that all I possibly could, collecting money and furnishing one of our homes for a clinic and putting my own money into it. But it has been cut down and cut down on account of lack of money. I have given the lepers who came from far away a handful of puffed rice because they are so hungry, and cod-liver oil to those who need it most.

I could go on and on telling you about our preaching and teaching work, how much we want more Christian books and stories, medicine, farm schools and playgrounds. If you could see it as we do, there would be money enough for everything. I have already spoken to a good many Crusaders in Sunday schools since I reached home and am going to the C.W.C. State Rally next month.

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Forward!

From one end of the Northern Baptist Convention to the other, Baptist women are enthusiastically working that we may go forward. Everywhere they are calling attention to open gates which may be entered at the present time.

The New Poster

Forward Fund posters are now being used in hundreds of churches and already are bright with rainbow colors as over-and-above gifts are being recorded. Some societies are using brightly colored footprints to mark the increase, while others prefer to pave the road through the gate with bricks of rainbow hue. Here are a few suggestions: (1) Use under leadership of the Woman's Society; (2) Place in a prominent position; (3) Appoint someone to mark the poster; (4) Fill in the FORWARD SCALE on the poster with designated colors; (5) The poster records only FORWARD FUND gifts.

The FORWARD FUND is a movement on the part of the whole denomination to advance spiritually and financially.

Road Guide

Start to mark the road when individual or group gifts equal those of 1934-35. Mark MONTH-LY—by lines of varying length, footprints, blocks, or other forms. Use colors of FORWARD SCALE representing gifts. Enlist NEW GIVERS—children, youth, adults—as FORWARD FUND donors.

Guide Posts

The Door of the Church is the Gate to the World. Everyone is a Traveler. Raise the Quota and Raise the FORWARD FUND. "Thy Gates shall be open continually; that men may bring unto Thee the wealth of the nations."

The Open Gate and Gift Boxes

In programs on GATES emphasize: Gate is open; road is sacrificial; goal is the world; victory is through stewardship of our Christian Inheritance.

GIFT BOX OFFERINGS count on FORWARD FUND after they exceed gifts in GIFT BOX OFFERINGS of 1934-35. Gift Boxes may be opened monthly, and should be opened at least twice during year.

Send contributions through local church treasurer. Report GIFT BOX OFFERINGS separately and accurately to State Secretary-Director. Report unusual and successful programs to the Committee of Conference.

General Suggestions

The following are suggested:
(1) Use FORWARD FUND arrows; (2) Look for new literature;
(3) Watch the Conference Table in Missions; (4) Observe FORWARD FUND Sunday, January

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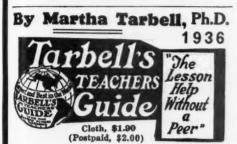
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(Continued from page 612) show that the atheistic philosophy of life is antiquated and unphilosophical. He does not just make statements, but proves that atheism is based on pessimism and is inconsistent with what it purposes to do, namely, advance human welfare. This is a commendable volume to place in the hands of people who have lost their faith in God. It is written in simple every-day language and can be readily comprehended by those who have no philosophical training. (Latimer Press; 245 pages; \$2.00.)

Three Cornered Continent, by Margaret T. Applegarth, is a delightful little book on South America. Although written for juniors, it will be read with enjoyment by all ages. Classed as imaginative writing, it is nevertheless thoroughly factual in its description of people and conditions. Its many character delineations of boys and girls and grown-ups are so charmingly set forth as to make these people most interesting and appealing human beings. Although Northern Baptists have no missions in our continental neighbor to the south, the book nevertheless merits their reading. For juniors who love to read, it would make a welcome Christmas gift. (Central Committee on Foreign Missions, 127 pages, \$1.00.)

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The Comforter, by W. E. DEN-HAM, pastor of the Euclid Avenue

Baptist Church of St. Louis, is an analytical study of the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit. It has the defect of over-emphasis which seems inherent in all attempts to separate the persons of the Trinity and assign a specific function to each in carrying out the "plan of salvation." The author holds that "since the day of Pentecost, it is clear that the work of Christianity was to be carried on under the leadership and in the power of the Holy Spirit." God and Jesus, he says, are no longer in the center of the picture, which is occupied by the energizing Spirit who indwells in every Christian heart. The promise of Jesus, "Lo, I am with you all the days even unto the end," seem omitted from this view, which is puzzling rather than edifying. (Revell; \$1.25.)

Southern Cross was reviewed in a map-talk by a member who carried a garland of flowers similar to those in the cover-design. Miss "Missions," in an up-to-date gown of magazine covers, urged that the magazine be "given a place in every home." A Daughter of Brahma, in native costume, told the story of this new book by Miss Vickland. With these participants grouped about the table, the leader concluded the program with suggestions for individual reading, including Milestones.

The programs of the Glenville society, Cleveland, begin with a gate-opening ceremony which links the monthly topic to the general theme. A large poster of beaverboard is displayed. Although this bears the title *The Open Gate*, the design shows the two sections of the gate closed. The design has been cut around the edges, making it possible to open the gate to reveal a card with the program topic for the current month.

The society of the Spencerville church has followed the monthly topics as suggested in the printed outline, using the Scripture keynote as suggested, but in several cases a different devotional message has been chosen. For instance, the programs for the first four months of 1936 are: "The Outer Gate" (Four Centenaries) with the devotional message based on Matt. 28:16-20; "The Friendly Gate" (Interracial Friendship) with stories from our leaflets on Latin America;* "The Golden Gate to Christian Americanization," with the devotional program on Acts 17:22-26: "The Open Gate to the Garden of Healing," including the Consecration service for White Cross gifts. (See April Missions, page 252.)

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Ohio "Gates"

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Reading was stressed at the opening meeting of the women of First Church, Middletown. A white picket fence, with a gate in front, was built around three sides of a library table. New study books, reading contest books, and copies of Missions were attractively displayed inside the fence. Following the devotional service based on Rev. 3:8 and Isa. 62:10, the leader took her place behind the table,

and, opening the gate, recited an original poem.

A brief talk on the open gates to be found in missionary books was followed by a review of A Book of Remembrance. Women under the

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